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DEAR SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith and to recommend for publication the first volume of Professor Jonathan Pearson's translation of those early Dutch records of Albany, the editing and publishing of which was authorized by vote of the Board of Regents, June 25, 1914. This editing has been carefully done with constant reference to the original records by Mr A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist in the State Library. The present work follows in immediate chronological sequence Professor Pearson's volume of nearly fifty years ago and his own earlier title has been continued for the present series.

In the editor's introduction, details appear as to contents of the present instalment with interesting comment on the significance of the material as a fruitful source for the social, personal and political history of colonial New York. The deeds, mortgages and wills when thus translated and carefully edited are also of high practical value in connection with local real estate titles and litigation.

Very truly yours

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*Approved for publication this 21st day of May, 1915*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John H. Finley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

*President of the University*



## PREFACE

The early Dutch records in the Albany county clerk's office, though long recognized as exceeding in interest and fulness many similar records in other parts of the State, have thus far been among the least accessible for historical purposes. Translations from these records were made by the late Professor Jonathan Pearson almost half a century ago, but with the exception of a small portion covering the first two volumes of Deeds they remained unpublished at the time of his death in 1887 and could not be found in the summer of 1899 when the present editor made inquiries about them. In 1889, at the time of the Albany bicentennial celebration, Judge Franklin M. Danaher proposed to have translations of the records printed, but the plan did not go through. Shortly afterwards two copies of a manuscript calendar of the records were made by Berthold Fernow, one for the county in connection with the preparation of a printed index of grantors and grantees, and the other for the late John V. L. Pruyn of New York; but of these the first has disappeared, except the part relating to the court records of 1652-85, and the second, after having been placed in the hands of the editor for eventual publication by the State, was destroyed by the Capitol fire of March 29, 1911. In view of these unsuccessful attempts to make the contents of the records available and of the fact that the records themselves barely escaped destruction in the fire of the old city hall on February 10, 1880, it seems especially fortunate that the State Library should now be able to publish part of the long lost translations of Professor Pearson which recently have been found and generously placed at its disposal by the author's sons, Mr John M. Pearson and Dr W. L. Pearson, of Schenectady. The manuscript received contains, besides the translations included in this volume, translations of two volumes of Notarial Papers, 1660-95, one volume of Mortgages, 1658-60, one volume of Court Minutes, 1658-59, and portions of two volumes of Wills, 1685-1765, all of which, with the exception of the Court Minutes, have been revised and will shortly be issued in two or more additional volumes. The Court Minutes, which belong to a separate series of records running from the establishment of the first court at Beverwyck in 1652 to the organization of the Mayor's Court in 1686, will be reserved for the present, but it is hoped that before long an opportunity may

be found to publish them also in their proper chronologic place in that important series of records. The entire manuscript, inclusive of the court record, consists of 1711 pages, which are numbered from 1 to 407, from 436 to 587, from 487 to 618, and from 477 to 820. Allowing for a certain amount of overlapping of the figures and for the possibility that one group of 476 pages may have contained translations of the first two volumes of Deeds which have appeared in print but which may have been counted as unpublished, it would seem that the manuscript constitutes about one-half of the unpublished material that is alluded to in the following passage from Major J. W. MacMurray's preface to the *History of the Schenectady Patent*, by Prof. Jonathan Pearson and others, which was published in 1883.

Professor Pearson, of Union College, enjoys a well-earned reputation as student, translator and writer on the colonial history of northern New York. During the past forty or more years, he has been a constant worker at the records of the ancient county of Albany and has accumulated a vast store of information, which has fortunately been put in writing and embraces many thousand pages of legal cap manuscript. This herculean task was a labor of love without hope of pecuniary profit; as Professor Alexander aptly expresses it — the recreation of a busy life. His friend, the late Joel Munsell, of antiquarian fame, induced him to print much of this matter and "Early Records of the County of Albany," translated from the original Dutch, "Contributions Toward the Genealogies of the First Settlers of Schenectady," "Genealogies of the First Settlers of Albany," "History of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Schenectady," besides very many magazine and newspaper articles have been given to the public from Munsell's Press. There remain more than four thousand pages of unpublished manuscript and notes, much of which was written many years ago.

Just what the rest of these four thousand pages contained it is impossible to say, but from other statements in the same history and from rough notes left by Professor Pearson, it seems that they must have consisted partly of translations of church and city records of Albany and Schenectady and partly of manuscript for a last volume on the history of Schenectady, relating to the city proper, more especially to streets, schools, churches, names of localities, mills, streams, hills etc.

As the title indicates, the present volume contains translations of volumes 3 and 4 (or C and D) of Deeds, ranging in date from July 1, 1678, to March 14, 170½. Of the first of these volumes the

text as here printed is complete, it having been deemed desirable to add to Professor Pearson's translations copies of a few English deeds which occur in the record; but as regards Deeds, v. 4, which is largely in English and which, besides a record of conveyances from December 25, 1688, to September 28, 1705, with two receipts of May 1, 1707, and May 1, 1708, contains five pages of proceedings of the Court of Sessions held for the town and county of Albany on March 3, 1684, and June 2, 1685, the printed text is confined to such instruments as were originally recorded in the Dutch language. As may be inferred from statements made above, the present volume forms a direct continuation of Professor Pearson's earlier publication covering the first two volumes of Deeds, which appeared separately in 1860 under the title of *Early Records of the City and County of Albany and Colony of Rensselaerswyck, 1656-1675*,<sup>1</sup> and again in 1870 and 1871 as part of volumes 3 and 4 of Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, this time with the addition in volume 4 of the *Collections* of "A Key to the Names of Persons occurring in the Early Dutch Records of Albany and Vicinity," "Contributions for the Genealogies of the First Settlers of Albany," and "Diagrams of the Home Lots of the Village of Beverwyck." From the nature of the case, the character of the records here presented is largely that of the earlier series and little need be added therefore to the preface which Professor Pearson supplied to the first volume. It should be noted, however, that while the earlier records fell to a considerable extent within the period of Dutch control over the colony, when Dutch laws prevailed in regard to the title and transfer of real estate, the records covered by the present volume fall entirely within the period of British occupation and witness the gradual change from Dutch to English methods of conveyancing. As is well known, the articles of surrender ratified on September 8, 1664, by the Dutch authorities and the British commander, declared all inhabitants of New Netherland to be "free denizens" and secured to them their property as well as the enjoyment of Dutch customs concerning inheritances. Under this agreement, the people of Albany and vicinity continued for a period of nearly twenty years to follow their customary procedure in regard to the transfer of real property and to record their instruments in the Dutch language, unaffected by the provisions regarding such matters in the Duke's laws promulgated at the Hempstead meeting of 1665, which, though intended to be ultimately the law

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<sup>1</sup>In reality running from August 10, 1674, to June 20, 1678, with two deeds of March 3, 1670.

of the whole province, it was at first not thought prudent to enforce in the Dutch settlements in the Hudson and Mohawk valleys. As an exception to this rule, however, must be mentioned the provision in the Duke's laws whereby tenure of lands was to be from the Duke of York and all persons were required to bring in their old grants and take out new patents from the governor. This provision applied to Albany as well as to other parts of the province and accounts for a long series of confirmatory grants issued for the greater part in 1667 and 1668 which in the absence of many of the Dutch patents are of the utmost importance for a knowledge of the original land titles and which for that reason have been frequently cited in the present work. As regards the form and registration of conveyances between private individuals, the first important changes were introduced by the General Assembly convened by Governor Thomas Dongan in 1683. First came the act to divide the province into shires and counties, passed November 1, 1683, whereby the county of Albany was erected and described as "to conteyne, the town of Albany the County [colony] of Rensselaerswyck, Schonechteda, and all the Villages, neighbourhoods and Christian Plantacons on the East side of Hudsons river from Roelof Jansens creeke, and on the West side from Sawers Creeke to the Sarraghtoga." In consequence of this act we find the term "Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany" used instead of the former expression "Commissaries of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schenectady," though not till June 13, 1684, and by no means regularly thereafter. Two days later, on November 3, 1683, an act was passed entitled "An act to prevent ffrauds in conveyancing of lands," which provided that from and after the 25th of December next after the date of the act no grants, deeds, mortgages or other conveyances whatsoever of any lands or tenements within the province would be of any force or validity in law unless recorded within six months in the register of the county wherein such lands or tenements lay, and furthermore, that once a year the clerk of each county was to transmit to the secretary's office at New York, for registration in that office, all deeds, mortgages and other conveyances of which the consideration exceeded the sum of fifty pounds. This act remedied whatever defects there may have been thought to exist in the Dutch method of recording deeds and mortgages but of course did not affect the question of validity of former instruments, more especially that of the informal mortgages that were included in many Dutch bonds. Consequently, on October 29, 1684, the Assembly passed an act entitled "A Bill Concerning fformer

Mortgages," whereby all mortgages of lands, houses and tenements duly and legally obtained and made according to the former customs of the province before its restoration to his Majesty and Royal Highness were to be deemed and adjudged in any of the courts of equity and courts of record within the province as effectual in law and right, as if according to the methods and practice of England or the laws now established.

As a result of these laws, more particularly that of November 3, 1683, we find the English form of deed gradually taking the place of the former Dutch style of *transport*, the record being at first generally still in the Dutch language and bearing the original signatures of the parties and witnesses, but after August 10, 1685, more often written in English, without actual signatures. Whatever may have been the advantages of the new style of drawing and recording deeds, it is undeniable that from the historical point of view the substitution of a mere record for the original instruments, signed by the parties and witnesses, was a great loss, not only because these signatures gave a personal touch to the records which at this distance of time is of peculiar interest, but because they are of vital importance in determining the identity of many of the persons mentioned in the records. Indeed it may be doubted whether with the loose method of designating people then in vogue, it would without these signatures be at all possible at the present day to distinguish between the various Jan Thomassens or Cornelis Teunissens who are mentioned in the records now with and then without the addition of a surname or place of origin, so that much of what we know of the relationship of the early settlers hinges on these very signatures which form such a conspicuous feature of the Dutch records.

In the preface to the first volume, much stress has been laid by Professor Pearson on the brevity and vagueness of the descriptions in the deeds and the consequent difficulty of locating the various village lots. This difficulty undoubtedly exists but, as the author himself has suggested, it can in many cases be successfully overcome by comparing the descriptions in subsequent repeated conveyances of the same lots. From his own experience the editor is convinced, however, that no satisfactory solution of the problem can be attained by means of such simple diagrams as Professor Pearson has given in Munsell's *Collections*. To account with absolute certainty for the many pieces of property owned at different times by the same persons in different parts of the town, as well as for the numerous strips and small parcels of ground that were taken off from or added to the original lots, it is necessary to construct a map,

of the entire settlement, drawn to a sufficient scale, preferably, for the sake of greater accuracy and economy of labor, by means of a Dutch ruler, directly from the dimensions in Dutch rods, feet and inches as expressed in the original conveyances, without reduction to English measurements. In doing so, no reliance should be placed on translations, no matter by whom made, nor for that matter on the descriptions in the early confirmatory patents, which themselves are but imperfect translations from earlier Dutch instruments and in which, as shown in footnotes in the present work, the compass directions have in many cases been reversed. The preparation of such a map has long been in the editor's mind. It would prove of great value in tracing the title to real estate and properly should have preceded the publication of the deeds in order to insure absolute accuracy of translation. Time, however, forbids its preparation at the present moment and all that can be done is to refer the reader for the location of the lots to the diagrams in Munsell's *Collections*. It should be borne in mind, however, that by Professor Pearson's own admission these diagrams are quite imperfect and that much remains to be learned in this matter from later registers of deeds and mortgages.

While the value of such records as are here presented lies primarily in their character as evidence of title of real estate, it is believed that a careful examination of the volume will reveal a number of things that are of interest to the student of the general history of the period as well as to the antiquarian and the genealogist. In the first place it may be pointed out that during the period covered by the present volume the stockaded village around which most of these records cluster occupied an important place in the province as the center of the internal traffic with the native savages and was the scene of many conferences between the Indians and the successive governors. One of the most notable of these conferences of which a record appears in this volume was that held in September 1683 in consequence of William Penn's attempt to secure to himself the upper Susquehanna valley, which caused Governor Dongon to make a hurried visit to Albany almost immediately after his arrival in the province. Subsequently, the threatening situation with regard to the French in Canada more than once compelled Governor Dongan to visit Albany and finally in 1687-88, just before his recall to England, to spend the entire winter there. In the second place it is to be noted that the same period saw the final settling of the long-standing controversy between the colony of Rensselaerswyck and the village of Beverwyck or Albany, resulting



in the erection of the colony into an English manor by patent of November 4, 1685, and the granting of a city charter to Albany on July 22, 1686, whereby its government was definitely placed upon an English basis and whereby all vacant and unappropriated lands within the city limits which had formerly belonged to Rensselaerswyck were vested in the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city. These and other important events lend interest to many details which of themselves are of purely local significance, but there is more. It should be remembered that in history as in many other fields it is intensive rather than extensive investigation that is likely to lead to new results and that nothing gives a clearer insight into the social condition of a given period than the concentrated study of a single typical community. Such a typical community the frontier settlement at Albany certainly was and once the character of its population, its mode of living and daily occupations are fully understood, much will be known that applies equally to the contemporaneous settlements at Schenectady, Kingston, Kinderhook and other parts of the province. As to the character of the population, the reader will doubtless be impressed with the fact that a much larger number of settlers than is generally supposed came from parts of Europe outside of the Netherlands, particularly from East Friesland, Oldenburg and the duchies of Schleswig-Holstein. As instances hereof may be mentioned such names as Evert Jansen Wendel from Emden, Jan Harmensen from Aurich, Elmer Otten from Isens (Esens), Volckert Jansen Douw from Stapelholm, Jacob Jansen from Noortstrant, Jan Fransen from Hoesem (Husum), Jan Thomassen from Wittbek, Casper Jacobsen from Hollenbek, Cornelis Barentsen from Ditmars, and others of less-known persons from Norden, Jever, Eiderstedt, Bredstedt, Friedrichstadt and Flensburg. Just what the cause of emigration from these regions was is an interesting question to which as yet no definite answer can be given. Some of these men may have been of the seafaring class who came over as sailors and who upon arrival decided to stay and to engage in trade. Others may have been engaged as soldiers by the Dutch West India Company and yet others may have sprung from families that during the Spanish war sought refuge across the Dutch borders and rather than to return to the former homes of their parents they may have preferred to join their compatriots across the sea. Whatever the cause, the prevalence of this element is interesting and undoubtedly accounts for the large number of Lutherans in the early settlement which occasioned the call to Albany in 1669 of the Rev. Jacobus Fabritius, the first Lutheran minister in the province.

As to the mode of living of the colonists, one should like to have a clearer idea than it is possible to gather from the records of the character of the houses that are mentioned in the conveyances, more particularly whether they were built of brick or wood and whether they consisted of more than one story or not. Practically nothing appears in the deeds that throws any light on these matters, but from certain contracts and specifications in the Notarial Papers which are to appear later it seems evident that between 1660 and 1680 many of the houses in the village were still of the Dutch farmhouse type, meaning that the fore part of the house was occupied as a dwelling while the rear part served as a barn, the latter having an open space in the center and stalls and bays on either side. It is probable, however, that this statement does not apply to the more prominent streets, such as Jonker, now State street, on which before 1680 many substantial city houses seem to have been built.<sup>1</sup> Incidentally it may be noted that the lots on the south side of this street, between Broadway and Pearl street, were all granted on the same day, namely the 23d of April 1652, shortly after Director General Stuyvesant had condemned the lots around the old fort near the present steamboat square. With the exception of the occasional subdivision of a lot, the original lot lines as then laid out have been preserved to this day and can be readily distinguished by any one familiar with the original grants. As under the circumstances might naturally be supposed and as is moreover clearly shown on the plan of the city which accompanies the Rev. John Miller's *Description of the Province and City of New York*, of 1695, these lots were all laid out in a straight line, a feature which at once disposes of the commonly accepted notion that in the early days the settlement presented an irregular appearance, land being cheap and people being allowed to squat wherever they pleased. On the contrary, the early deeds furnish abundant evidence that from the first the settlement was laid out in quite methodical fashion, experienced surveyors being employed to do the work. This policy, moreover, was in line with the fact that under the Roman Dutch law the title to the street was vested in the government, so that it was important to know just where the street lines were.

In closing, a word remains to be said in regard to the editorial work on these records. Believing it to be his duty to preserve as far as possible the wording of Professor Pearson's translations, the

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<sup>1</sup> See in this connection the interesting chapter on "Houses in Ancient Albany County," in *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 441-50.

editor has made only such changes as on careful comparison of these translations with the originals were deemed necessary in order to secure correctness of interpretation. In view of the well-known ambiguity of language in the description of many pieces of property and the consequent uncertainty in regard to the proper translation of these descriptions, pains have been taken to cite in footnotes extracts from the corresponding confirmatory patents in all cases where such ambiguity seemed to exist. These extracts often throw an unexpected light on the location of the property and will be found helpful in connecting the deeds here printed with those published in the preceding volume. For the full text of the patents the reader is referred to the records in the office of the Secretary of State, rather than to the worn-out set of original volumes of Patents in the State Library from which the extracts have been copied. Peculiar Dutch expressions such as *vly* and *creupel bosch*, which have been variously rendered by different translators, have been freely quoted in the text and care has been taken to bring the spelling of all proper names, including many interesting Indian local names, into accord with the form used in the original documents. Personal names which Professor Pearson had supplied in the translations, in the same way as in the first volume, have in all cases been eliminated from the text and where needed given in footnotes, for the reason that some of these additions were found to be incorrect and that for others no authority could be found, so that it seemed best not to assume, even by implication, any responsibility for them. It goes without saying that in many cases much fuller genealogical information than appears in the present footnotes may be found in the first volume and above all in the useful compilations entitled "First Settlers of Albany," "First Settlers of Schenectady," and "History of the Schenectady Patent." It should be borne in mind, however, that in the absence of any church records of Albany before 1683, most of the genealogical information to be found in the above-mentioned publications is based on the very records which are now made available, so that there seemed no need of doing more than to call attention to the errors which happened to come under the editor's observation. Though the number of such errors is not inconsiderable, it is really small in comparison to the multitude of genealogical data which Professor Pearson's patient labors have brought together. That many of these errors have been blindly copied by other writers and passed so to speak into the traditionary stage, may be ascribed to the fact that the original records are written in a language which few people have taken the trouble to learn, so that for

almost half a century after Professor Pearson's investigations very little original work in regard to the early history of Albany and Schenectady families has been done. Now that the records become available in translated form, a new field opens itself to the genealogist which will doubtless enable him to make many hitherto unsuspected connections. That after all these years the public should be enabled to reap the full benefit of Professor Pearson's work will be pleasing to all who hold his name in grateful remembrance and is a source of much satisfaction to the editor.

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*Albany, April 20, 1915*

## DEEDS VOLUME III

### Deed from Reyer Schermerhorn, husband and guardian of the widow of Elmer Otten, to Rev. Nicolaus van Rensselaer for a house and lot on Jonker street in Albany

[1] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>l</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Richard Pretty and Mr Andries Te[ll]er, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren, husband and guardian of Ariaentie Arents, late widow of Elmer Otte, deceased, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Dom. Nicolaus van Rensselaer a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on Jonker street,<sup>1</sup> being a corner house, bounded south and east by the public streets, on the west by the house of Jan Witthardt and on the north by the house of Capt. Backer;<sup>2</sup> in breadth on the south, on the street, one rod, ten feet and one and a half inches and in the rear on the north side one rod and ten feet; in length on the east side, on the street, six rods, two and a half feet, and on the west side five rods, eleven feet and two inches, including an alley of four feet to the rear which is to be in common for Dom. Rensselaer aforesaid and for the house of Jan Witthardt; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a conveyance of the lot received by him from Mr Jan Thomasz;<sup>3</sup> [said lot] being the half of the lot specified in a patent granted to said Thomasz by the late Governor General

<sup>1</sup> Now State street.

<sup>2</sup> Capt. John Baker. For information about him see *Minutes of the Executive Council of the Province of New York*, ed. by V. H. Paltsits, 1:50-51, note.

<sup>3</sup> Professor Pearson here adds the name "Witbeck," but in the deed from Jan Thomassen to Schermerhorn, June 13, 1678, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:185, he supplies the name "Mingael." The latter is clearly a mistake, as the signature to the deed is similar to that of the will of Jan Thomassen, dated October 21, 1670, in *Notarial Papers*, 2:103-5, in which he is called Jan Thomasz. *geboortigh tot Witbeck in Holsteyn* (born at Witbeck [Wittbek] in Holsteyn). The same mistake runs all through the volume wherever the name "Mingael" has been supplied after that of Jan Thomassen. Between 1654 and 1670, Jan Thomassen repeatedly held the office of *commissaris* or magistrate of Albany and with his associate Volkert Jansen Douw, also a magistrate, he figures in many real estate transactions. He generally signs his name "Jan Thomasz," once "Jan Thomasz," and once, with a trembling hand, to his will, "Jan Thomaesz." Apparently there was no Jan Thomassen Mingael of sufficient age to transact business living during the same period. The first settler by that name died before November 3, 1642 (*N.Y. Col. Mss.*, 2:35); his son Thomas Jansen Mingael died in 1662 (*N.Y. Col. Mss.*, v. 10,

Rich: Nicolls dated the 20th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and mincumbered, without any charges resting thereon or issuing out of the same<sup>2</sup> (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he has been fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Mr Nicolaes van Renselaer, his heirs and successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of said house and lot as he might or could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances which may hereafter arise,<sup>3</sup> and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner whatsoever, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 1st of July 1678.<sup>4</sup>

Richard Pretty  
A. Teller

REYER JACOBSE SCHERMERHOORN

Acknowledged before me,

ROB. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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pt 1, p. 301), and the grandson Johannes Thomassen Mingael is not mentioned in the records till about 1680. He signs his name in one place "Johannis tomes meingael," and in another "Johaennis toemissen mingael," in a hand which is entirely distinct from that of Jan Thomasz from Wittbek.

<sup>1</sup>This patent was a confirmation of the grant to Jan Thomassen by Director General Stuyvesant of March 10, 1661, recorded in *Dutch Patents, III*, p. 120-21.

<sup>2</sup>*Sonder eenige lasten daerop staende ofte uytgaende*, which Professor Pearson translates as: "with no claims standing or issuing against the same." *Lasten*, however, does not refer to "claims," but means "charges," more particularly, taxes and rent charges, so that the phrase may be rendered: "without any charges thereon, or rents, profits or emoluments to be paid out of the same."

<sup>3</sup>*Belovende 't selve op ende Jegens een Ygelycken te waaren & te vryen voor alle Commer, naermacninge ofte beswaernisse, die naermaels soude moogen koomen*. This phrase, with slight changes, occurs in nearly all the Dutch deeds and has been variously rendered by Professor Pearson as "promising to defend the same from all and every person and free it from all trouble, claims, or complaint which may hereafter come against the same," or "promising to defend the same against all and every person and to free it from all claims, liens and encumbrances," or "promising to protect and free the same from all trouble, actions and claims of all persons." *Commer*, literally "cumber," means trouble, let, or hindrance; in law it is used in the sense of charge, debt, lien, or obligation and, more specifically, in the sense of attachment. *Naermacninge* means claim, or demand, and *beswaernisse* refers to anything with which property may be *beswaert*, that is, charged or incumbered. Though Professor Pearson's translation has often been changed to make it correspond more closely to the wording of the original, no effort has been made to secure absolute uniformity in the rendering of the phrase above quoted.

<sup>4</sup>Soon after the purchase of this house and lot Domine Nicolaus van Rensselaer died intestate, his widow Mida Schuyler obtaining letters of

**Deed from Geertruy Barents, attorney for Jacob Hevick, and the administrators of the estate of Reyndert Pietersen to Albert Ryckman for a brewery, dwelling and appurtenances in Albany**

[2] Appeared before me, Ro: Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Rich: Pretty and Audr. Teller, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Geertruy Barents, as attorney for her husband Ja[cob] Hevick, and Gerrit Swart and Mr Adriaen van Ipendam, administrators of the estate of Reyndert Pieterse, deceased, who declared that they had granted and conveyed to and for the behoof of Albert Ryckman, his heirs and assigns, the brew-house and the dwelling in front, together with the mill house, horse stable, well and the land adjacent thereto, lying in the town of Albany, next the house of Leendert Phillipse;<sup>1</sup> in breadth in front, on the street, three rods, one foot and six inches; to the south of the lot where the blockhouse stood eleven rods and eight feet; breadth to the east, three rods and six feet, and in length to the north of Leend<sup>r</sup>. Phillipse's eleven rods, eight feet, being a part of the patent granted by the Right Honorable Governor General Rich: Nicolls to Jacob Hevick, dated the 30th of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made: which she, the cedent, and the grantors in the capacity aforesaid promise to warrant and defend against all trouble, claims and pretensions (saving the lord's right) which may hereafter arise, on pain of execution against their persons and estates, real and personal.

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administration bearing date the 30th of November 1678. She afterwards married Robert Livingston, who made satisfaction for the house according to an appraisement and so became possessed thereof. Robert Livingston also acquired from Jan Jansen Bleecker, attorney for Jan Witthardt, the other half of the lot specified in the patent to Jan Thomassen, and for the entire property, as well as for other pieces of property owned by him, received a patent from Governor Thomas Dongan dated the 4th of November 1684. See this patent in *Patents, 1684-1686*, 5B:17-20, in the New York State Library. See also the appraisal of Domine van Rensselaer's estate and Robert Livingston's account of his administration of the estate, Dec. 30, 1680, in N. Y. Hist. Soc., *Collections*, 1892, 25:68-69.

<sup>1</sup> Leendert Philipsen Conyn.

<sup>2</sup> This is apparently a mistake for the 27th of April 1667, when a patent was granted to Jacob Gevinck [Hevick] and Reyndert Pietersen for this property and for a house and lot in Albany toward the hills; hence the expression "being a part of the patent granted . . . to Jacob Hevick." The property described in the present deed was conveyed to Hevick and Pietersen by Pieter Bronck, August 5, 1662; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:304-5.

It is interesting to note the expression *ten syden van het Erfv daer het Blockhuys gestaen heeft*—to the south of the lot where the blockhouse stood. The patent of 1667, which probably follows the description of the property in the deed of 1662, reads: "to the South of the block House in length eleven Rod and eight foot," showing that at the date of the patent, or at any rate in 1662, the blockhouse was still standing. Not unlikely it was one of the first buildings erected in this locality.

present and future, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts and judges. Done in New Albany, this first of July 1678.

*Richard Pretty*  
*A. Teller*

GERTRUET BARENTS  
G: SWARTT  
ADRIAEN VAN ILPENDAM

**Bond of Jacob Jansen Gardenier to pay arrears of rent to Geertruy Barents**

[3] Appeared before me, Ro: Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renslaerswyck and Shaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Jacob Janse Gardinier *alias* Flodder, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted and in arrears to Geertruy Barents, wife of Jacob Hevick, in the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight guilders in beavers, growing out of house rent due from his wife Barentie Straetsmans, which aforesaid twenty-one beavers the appearer promises to pay to Geertruy Barents or her order next May 1679, in beavers, seawan, wheat, or boards, all merchantable and at market price, binding thereto his person and estate, real and personal, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges; in witness of the truth of which he has subscribed this in presence of Cornelis van der Hoeven and Paulus Martense, called as witnesses hereto. Done in Albany, the 3d of July 1678.

JACOB JANSEN GERDENYER

*Korneles Korneles*  
*Poullis Marten*<sup>1</sup>

Acknowledged before me,

Ro<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

I, the undersigned, Geertruy Barents, gratefully acknowledge that I am fully satisfied for the above obligation and thanking him for his good payment release him from all further demands. Done in Albany, this 30th of July 1680.

This is the mark X of Geertruy Barents,  
made with her own hand

Acknowledged before me,

Ro<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup>This signature is the same as that of Paulus Martense van Benthuisen, in *Deeds*, 2:616 (*Early Records of Albany*, 1:400), and as that of Paulus Martense van Rynsburch, in *Notarial Papers*, 1:274. Benthuisen, or Benthuisen, is a village about six miles southeast of Leiden; Rynsburch, or Rijnsburg, is the name of a village and of an ancient and wealthy abbey three miles northwest of Leiden. This abbey had large landed possessions in various parts of the province of South Holland. The natural inference therefore is that Paulus Martensen came from the vicinity of Benthuisen, but from the land which belonged to the jurisdiction of the abbey of Rynsburch.



Deed from Catskill and Mahikan Indians to Capt. Sylvester Salisbury and Marten Gerritsen for five large flats at Catskill

[4] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of all the magistrates of said jurisdiction and about twenty Catskill and Mahikan Indians, Maetsepak commonly called Mahak Niminaw, Tamongwes *alias* Volkert, Papawachketik *alias* Evert, Mamaetcheek *alias* Joris, Kaehketowaa *alias* Cobus and Unekeek by the Christians named Jan de Backer, on behalf of the whole Catskill nation, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Capt. Sylvester Salisbury,<sup>1</sup> commandant, and Mr Marte Gerritse, magistrate, a certain parcel of land lying at Catskill above the land of Eldert de Goyer,<sup>2</sup> consisting of five large flats (*vlakten*) lying on both sides of the kill, the name of the first flat being Wachachkeek, the second named Wichguanachtikak, the third Pachquyak, the fourth Assiskowachkok, and the fifth Potick, with the woodland for a cattle range (*uytdrift van vee*) or otherwise, to wit four English miles around said land, and all the kills, creeks, groves, appendages and dependencies thereof (excepting the land of Jan Bronk), which they, the grantors, do by virtue of being the rightful owners and proprietors of said lands, flats and wood land and conveying the same to Capt. Salisbury and Marte Gerritse aforesaid, who have license and privilege to buy said lands of the owners from the right honorable Governor General Edmond Andross and to give satisfaction therefor before this court, as appears by license thereof under date of November 2, 1677; conveying the same free and unincumbered without any charges resting on, or arising out of the same (saving the lord's rights) and without the grantors' making any further claim thereto, acknowledging that they have been fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, according to a contract of sale thereof dated the 11th of June 1678,<sup>3</sup> giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to said Capt. Salisbury and Marte Gerritse, their heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as they might or could do with their own patrimonial

<sup>1</sup> Capt. Sylvester Salisbury succeeded Capt. John Baker in July 1670 as commander of the fort at Albany. See about him *Minutes of the Executive Council of the Province of New York*, ed. by V. H. Paltsits, 1:51, 146, notes.

<sup>2</sup> Eldert Gerbertsen Cruyf, from Hilversum, in the Good, or Gooiland, province of North Holland, hence called "the Goyer." In an abstract of this deed in *Docts. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 13:545, the name has been erroneously given as "Evert de Goyer," while other mistakes in the Indian names occur also.

<sup>3</sup> This contract does not appear to be recorded.

estates and effects; promising to warrant the same against any and all persons and to free the same from all trouble, demands, or in-  
[5] cumbrances which may hereafter arise or be set up either by Christians or Indians, and nevermore to do or cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding therefor their persons and properties as by law provided.

Done in Albany at the Court House, this 8th of July 1678.

This is the mark X of MAHAK NIM-  
NAW made with his own hand.

This is the mark X of VOLKERT made  
with his own hand.

This is the mark X of EVERT the In-  
dian made with his own hand.

This is the mark X of JORIS made with  
his own hand.

This is the mark X of COBUS made  
with his own hand.

This is the mark X of JAN DE BACKER  
made with his own hand.

This is the mark X of SNIJDE, a Cats-  
kil indian.

*Philip Schuyler*  
*Richard Pretty*

ROBERT LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Quitclaim by Manueenta alias Schermerhorn of lands described  
in deed given above**

Appeared before the right honorable the magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, etc., a certain Catskil indian named Manueenta and by the Christians called Shermerhooren, who is a fellow proprietor of the lands lying in Catskill, above conveyed to Capt. Silv: Salisbury and Marte Gerritse by the aforesaid Indians, and acknowledges that he is paid and fully satisfied for his share and interest therein, having received a coverlet, a gun, a shirt, a half cask of beer, confirming all that is done above, and now fully conveys the same and promises hereby to free said Capt. Salisbury and Marte Gerritse from all trouble, actions, or demands which may

arise hereafter in any manner on the part of any persons, whether Indians or Christians. Done in Albany, this 25th of November 1678.

*A. Teller*  
*Cornelis Van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wessels*  
*Joh: Provoost*

This is the mark X of SHERMERHOOKEN,  
 made with his own hand.

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Contract between Jan Conell and Andries Teller for the purchase  
 of Conell's house and lot on the hill in Albany**

[6] Appeared before me, Ro: Livingston, secretary of Albany, etc., in presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Jan Conell of the one side and Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller of the other side, who declared that they had in love and friendship agreed and contracted respecting the purchase of his, Jan Conell's, house and lot lying here in Albany on the hill (*acn't geberghte*), as follows: First, Jan Conell acknowledges that he has sold and Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller that he has bought of him the aforesaid house and lot with all that is in the earth and nailed fast, standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, bounded to the south by Arent van den Berg and northerly by the new house of Dirk Wessels, in length five rods, one foot, in breadth eighteen feet Rhineland measure, which house and lot he promises to deliver to the buyer within the time of 14 days, free and unincumbered, saving the lord's right; for which house and lot the buyer promises to pay the sum of one hundred good, deliverable beavers and ten beavers to the seller's wife; but it is to be noted that the aforesaid house is still mortgaged to Capt. Brockholes for the sum of £26, 1s. 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. sterling, being the last payment [due], the first half having been paid as per Ro: Hamilton's acquittance of date the 23d July 1678, which £26, 1s. 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. sterling money said Teller promises and agrees to pay to Capt. Brockholes as an offset from the said 100 beavers. For the execution of the aforesaid conditions the contracting parties mutually bind their respective persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, subject to

all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany in presence of Capt. Salisbury and Storm van der Zee, called as witnesses hereto, this 9th of August 1678.

JOHN CONELL

A. TELLER

*Silve: Salisbury*

*Storm van der Zee*

Acknowledged before me,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Barent Reyndersen to Gerrit Lansingh for a house and lot on Rom street in Albany**

[7] In the absence of Secretary Livinghston appeared before me, Johannes Provoost, sheriff of Albany, and in presence of the Honorable Ritchard Pruttj and Andries Teller, magistrates of said jurisdiction, the worthy Barent Reyndersen, who declares that he grants, conveys and makes over, as he does hereby in real and actual ownership and possession, to and for the behoof of Gerrit Lansingh a house and lot lying in Albany on the hill, on Rom street<sup>1</sup> so named, bounded easterly by Jan Naek and westerly by Jan Vinhagen, breadth in front on the street one rod, two and a half feet, length on the west side three rods and eleven feet, breadth in the rear one rod, four and a half inches, length on the east side three rods and nine feet; which he does by virtue of a patent to him, the grantor, given by the Right Honorable Governor General Francis Lovelace of date the 22d of August, A<sup>o</sup>. 1670<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, excepting only the lord's right, without the grantor's making any further claim thereto since he acknowledges himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Gerrit Lansingh, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might or could do with his own patrimonial estate, promising to warrant and defend the same against any and all persons from all trouble, claims, or incumbrances which may hereafter arise, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto

<sup>1</sup> Now Maiden Lane.

<sup>2</sup> This was a confirmation of the conveyance by the magistrates to Barent Reyndersen dated June 8, 1668, for lot no. 13, "lyeing & being upon y<sup>e</sup> Hill, Conteyning in breadth before Two Rod five foot, & behynde Two Rod nyne foot & on y<sup>e</sup> West syde Three Rod & Eleaven foot haucing on y<sup>e</sup> West Goosen Gerrits on y<sup>e</sup> East Will<sup>m</sup> Bouts on y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> High street, & on y<sup>e</sup> North D<sup>o</sup> Schaets." Cf. Deed from magistrates to Goosen Gerritse for lot No. 12, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:434.

either with or without judicial proceedings in any manner whatsoever, binding his person and property as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 9th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1678.

*Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty*

BARENT REYNDERSEN

*A. Teller*

Acknowledged before me,

JOHANNES PROVOOST, *Sheriff*

**Deed from Barent Reyndersen to Jan Nack for a house and lot on Rom street in Albany**

[8] In the absence of Secretary Livingston appeared before me, Johannes Provoost, sheriff of Albany, and in presence of the Right Honorable Anderies Teller and Ritcherd Pritty, Barent Reyndersen, who declared that he had granted, conveyed and made over, as hereby he does, in real and actual ownership and possession, to and for the behoof of Jan Nack, a lot lying on the hill in Albany on Rom street<sup>1</sup> so called, being to the north of the street, to the east of Gerrit Lansingh and to the west of Willem Bout, breadth in front on the street, one rod, two feet and a half, in the rear one rod, four and a half inches, length to the west three rods and nine feet, to the east three rods and seven feet; which he does by virtue of a patent granted him, the grantor, by the Honorable Governor Francis Lovelace, of date the 22d of August 1670,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, save the lord's right, and without the grantor's making any further claim thereto, acknowledging himself paid and fully satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jan Nack, his heirs, successors and assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot, as he might or could with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to defend the same from any and all persons and free it from all trouble, claims and incumbrances which may hereafter arise, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary to or against these, either with or without judicial proceedings, in any manner whatsoever, binding his person and property as by law provided. Done in Albany this 9th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1678.

*A. Teller*

BARENT REYNDERSEN

*Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty*

JOHANNES PROVOOST, *Sheriff*

<sup>1</sup> Now Maiden Lane.

<sup>2</sup> See note to preceding document.

Deed from the deacons of the Reformed Church at Albany to  
 Capt. Philip Pietersen Schuyler for Bastiaen de Winter's  
 plantation at the Steene Hoeck

[9] In the absence of Secretary Livinghston appeared before me, Johannes Provoost, sheriff of Albany, in presence of the Honorable Ritchard Pritij and Dirck Wesselsen, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Jan Janssen Bleycker and Mr Jacob Staets, deacons of the Reformed Church in Albany and administrators of the estate of Bastiaen de Winter, deceased,<sup>1</sup> who declared that they conveyed and made over, as they hereby do convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership, to and for the behoof of Capt. Philip Pietersen Schuyler, a certain house and plantation or small piece of land lying in the colony of Renselaers Wyck, above the *Vlackte*<sup>2</sup> at the *Steene Hoeck*,<sup>3</sup> called De Winter's plantation, with all the right, title and interest which said Bastiaen de Winter had therein, according to the conditions on which said Capt. Schuyler bought the same yesterday at public sale, with this reservation that the grantee shall pay to the patroon of the colony of Renselaers Wyck as quitrent of said lot two skipples of maize and two pairs of fowls yearly, without any other charges thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right, giving hereby *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to said Capt. Philip Schuyler, his heirs, or assigns, to do with and dispose of said house and plantation on land as he might or could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to defend the same publicly from all and every person and to free it from all trouble, claims or incumbrances which may hereafter arise and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary to these, either with

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<sup>1</sup> Bastiaen de Winter, of Middelburg, in the province of Zealand, died at the *Steene Hoeck* July 24, 1678, just after making his will, by which he left his property to the deacons of the Dutch church at Albany for the behoof of the poor. August 6, 1678, the Court of Albany authorized the deacons to take possession of the estate with order to apply for letters of administration as soon as the new governor arrived. August 13, 1678, the deacons petitioned Governor Andros that the residue of De Winter's estate, after payment of his debts, might be given to them for the poor. This request was evidently granted. For order of the court, certified copy of the will, an affidavit by Surgeon Cornelis van Dyck and the petition to Governor Andros, see *New York Colonial Mss.*, 27: 170-72, 180. The original of the will is in *Notarial Papers*, 2:41-42. See also *N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections*, 1892, 25:56.

<sup>2</sup> Literally; the Flat, referring to what is known as the Schuyler Flatts, east of the Troy road, 4 miles north of Albany.

<sup>3</sup> Stonehook, or Stony point, on the west bank of the Hudson, just south of Green Island.

or without judicial proceedings in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 10th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1678.

*Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty*  
*Dirck Wessels*

JAN JANSZ BLEECKER  
JACOB STAETS

Acknowledged before me,

JOHANNES PROVOOST, *Sheriff*

**Deed from Harmen Bastiaensen to Gerrit van Nes for a garden  
without the south gate of Albany (incomplete)**

[10] In the absence of the secretary appeared before me, Johannes Provoost, sheriff of Albany, and in the presence of the Honorable Ritchard Pritty and Dirck Wesselsen, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Harmen Bastiaensen, surveyor<sup>1</sup> of this place, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over, as he hereby does convey and make over, in true, rightful and absolute ownership and possession to and for the behoof of Gerrit van Nes a lot or garden lying near Albany without the town gate at the south, next to and to the south of Poulus Martensen, in breadth in front on the highway three rods and a half, in length on the south as well as on the north ten rods, in breadth easterly on the river side three rods and one foot, Rhineland measure<sup>2</sup> [Not completed]

**Contract for the sale of a house and lot on the hill in Albany  
from Abraham van Tricht to Isaac Verplanck**

[11] Appeared before me Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, Shaenhechtady, etc., and before the hereinafter named witnesses, Mr Abraham van Tricht, chirurgion, who declared that he had sold to Isaak Verplanck, who acknowledged that he had bought the seller's house and lot, which heretofore belonged to Capt. John Baker, as [appears] by contract of sale thereof

<sup>1</sup> *Roojmecster*: meaning the official town surveyor. The existence of this office at an early date and the minuteness with which the dimensions of the lots are given in many cases shows that considerable care was exercised in the laying out of the village. The *rooimcster*, as the title of his office indicates, had to see to it that the *rooilijn*, or street line, was maintained; in other words, that the property owners did not encroach on the street, the right and title to the soil of which under the Roman Dutch law was vested in the government.

<sup>2</sup> Though the dimensions do not agree, it would seem as if this garden, or a part of it, was the same for which Harmen Bastiaensen entered into contracts of sale in 1657, first with Claes Hendricksen and then with Willem Hoffmeyer; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:33, 51-52. In a note on page 33, Professor Pearson calls the grantor "Harmen Bastianse Visscher (or De Vyselaer)."

between said Backer and the seller, of date the 3d of May 1678,<sup>1</sup> standing and lying on the hill in Albany between the house of Dom: Nicolaes Van Renselaer, deceased, and Arent vand[en] Bergh, being lot N<sup>o</sup>. 1, in breadth thirty-six and a half feet, and for depth the buyer has stipulated for fifty wood feet, the foot reckoned at twelve inches, with all that is earth and nail fast, free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right); for the purchase of which the buyer is obligated and promises to pay to the aforesaid Mr Abraham van Tricht, or order and assigns the quantity of fifty-six good, whole, merchantable beaver skins, to be paid in three payments, each time a just third part, to wit, the first payment next August 1679, the second payment in August 1680, and the third, or last payment in August 1681. The buyer may enter, take possession of and use said house and lot immediately and the conveyance shall be made on the final payment. In witness whereof parties have subscribed these in presence of Aernout Corn: Vicle and Jacob ten Eyck, called as witnesses hereto. Done in Albany, the 7th December 1678.

*Festes*

*Aernout Corn: Vicle*

*Jacob ten Eyck*

ABRAHAM VAN TRICHT

ISAACK VERPLANCKEN

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Release by Dirck Hesselingsh of his interest in a house and lot on the hill in Albany purchased from Jan van Ake, in favor of Nicolaes de Meyer, assignee of van Ake's claim**

[12] Appeared before me, R<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessels, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Dirk Hesselingsh, who declared that on June 3<sup>o</sup> 1668, he bought a house and lot of Jan van Ake, standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, with a garden outside of the town of Albany, for the sum of one thousand guilders in beavers, which sum the purchaser acknowledges that he has failed to pay; and whereas Mons. van Aken has assigned his claim to Mr Nicolaes de Meyer,<sup>2</sup> as per instrument thereof written by notary Van Vechten at Utrecht, dated the 13th of August 1671, therefore, the said Mons. De Meyer agreed with said Dirk Hesselingsh on the 12th of April 1677 that he

<sup>1</sup>No record of this contract of sale is found

<sup>2</sup>In a confirmatory patent of June 29, 1667, for several pieces of land on Manhattan island, he is called Nicholas de Meyer van Holsteyn.



should pay twelve hundred guilders in beavers in full satisfaction of said contract or bill of sale with the interest, in three payments, as in said agreement more at large appears; and whereas Mons. Van Dyck, attorney for Mons. De Meyer, last court day obtained a judgment against the purchaser for the sum of one hundred beavers, being the first two payments mentioned in said contract of the 12th of April 1677, therefore, he, said Dirk Hesselingh, now this moment voluntarily gives up the aforesaid purchase of the house and lot where he now dwells, as he obtained them, with all the rights thereto belonging, and makes them over to Mons. De Meyer in payment of the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five guilders in beavers, always with the understanding that the garden mentioned in said bill of sale is excepted, with which [release] of the house and lot in payment of seven hundred and seventy-five guilders beavers Mons. Van Dyck is satisfied, he, the purchaser, being holden to make the third payment according to contract. Done in Albany, this 24th of December 1678.

*A. Teller*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

DIRCK HESSELINGH  
CORNELIS VAN DYCK  
Acknowledged before me,  
R<sup>T</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Anaemhaenitt, a Mahikan Indian, to Robert Sanders  
for a parcel of woodland and Whale island**

[13] An this 30th day of December 1678, in presence of the honorable magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, etc., R<sup>o</sup>. Sanders has bought of Anaemhaenitt, a Mahikan and native proprietor, a certain parcel of woodland by the Indians named P'ogassik,<sup>1</sup> lying on the east side of the North river, to the south of the aforesaid R<sup>o</sup>. Sander's farm, extending to the land and claim of P<sup>r</sup>. van Waggelen,<sup>2</sup> which land was mentioned in his former contract of sale dated May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1668, when he with Harme Vedder bought his farm, and was then conveyed by all the natives, that is to say, free range (*твѣ уытдрѣт*) for his cattle, but now he, Anaemhaenitt, sells the land in fee, with all the right, title and interest which he, the grantor and native owner, has therein; likewise a small island lying in said North river, named Wallvissen Eylant,<sup>3</sup> which aforesaid parcel of land and Walvissen Eylant and all

<sup>1</sup> Robert Sanders received a patent for this land on March 25, 1680.

<sup>2</sup> Generally called "van Woggelum," probably after the village of that name near Alkmaar, in the province of North Holland.

<sup>3</sup> Walvisch, or Whale island, near Lansingburg, N. Y. See Van der

rights and prerogatives, he, the aforesaid natural owner, for himself, his kindred and blood relations, declares in true, rightful and free ownership hereby to be granted, conveyed and made over by him to and for the behoof of the aforesaid Robert Sanders, without his making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he has received therefor to his satisfaction a piece of cloth, a cutlass, a kettle, two pairs of stockings, four axes, a coat, a shirt and two jugs of rum, promising therefore never more to do nor suffer anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner. In confirmation whereof the aforesaid natural owner has subscribed this, in presence of Capt. Silv: Salisbury, commandant, and the magistrates of Albany aforesaid. Done in Albany on the date above written.

*A. Teller*

This is the mark X of ANAEMHAENITT made with his own hand,

*Dirck Wosselsz*

Acknowledged before me,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Contract between Johannes Clute and Syman Schouten for the sale of two parcels of land at Niskayuna

[14] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., and in presence of the Honorable Capt. Hans Hendrix and Lieut. Jan Janse Bleker, witnesses, Capt. Jan Cloet, of the one side, and Symon Schoute, of the other side, who declare that in love and friendship they have contracted and agreed with each other in regard to the purchase of two small parcels of land lying at Canastagioene,<sup>1</sup> as follows:

First, said Capt. Johan Cloet acknowledges that he has sold and Symon Schoute that he has bought of him two parcels of land lying at Canastagioene, on the south side of the river, on the *Groote Vlakte* (Great Flat), being all [the land] along the river side to which he, Cloet, has title and claim, to wit, one piece of about 10

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Donck's map of New Netherland, 1656, in E. B. O'Callaghan, *History of New Netherland*, 2:312, and map of Troy and vicinity, 1876, in A. J. Weise, *History of the City of Troy*, p. 264. Cf. also Munsell's *Annals of Albany*, 2:226, and E. M. Ruttenber, *Indian Geographical Names*, p. 63 (published with New York State Historical Association, *Proceedings*, 1906, v. 6).

<sup>1</sup> Niskayuna.

morgens, bounding upon the land of Cuyles<sup>1</sup> and Hann at Schaenhechtady, and the other piece, also on the *Groote Vlakte*, of about six morgens, adjoining the land of Jan Spoor, on the express condition that there shall remain a path on the high ground along the shore and likewise that the purchaser shall maintain the fence along the *steenbergie* (stony hill) for which land and rights of said Cloet therein the purchaser promises to pay the vendor the quantity of seventy-five beavers, to wit twenty-four beavers during this current year and the remaining fifty-one beavers in four payments in four successive years, the first, being 12 beavers and 6 gl. in beavers, in the year 1680, and each time a just fourth part in the years 1681, 1682 and 1683. The vendor promises with the last payment to give a proper conveyance: the aforesaid payments shall be made in beavers or wheat at the market price, wherewith the contracting parties are well satisfied, hereto binding their persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted and submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts and judges. Done in Albany, the 15th of February 1678.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Testes:*

*Hans Heindrickz*

This is the mark X of SYMON SCHOUTE

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

made with his own hand.

Acknowledged before me,

R<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Bond and mortgage by Pieter Adamsen to secure his debt to Marten Cregier, junior

[15] Appeared before me, Johannes Provoost, sheriff (hereto authorized in the absence of the secretary), and in the presence of the honorable magistrates Richard Pretty and Andries Teller, the person of Pieter Adamse, who acknowledges that he is well and truly and justly indebted to Marten Cregier, junior, in the sum of forty-two guilders in beavers and six skipples of wheat for goods and merchandise to his content received, and promises to pay the same with expenses to said Marten Cregier, or his attorney, within two months, specially binding thereto his house and lot lying at Schaenhechtady, which he mortgages hereby and offers as special security, for the recovery if need be of the said forty-two guilders

<sup>1</sup> Gerrit Claessen [van Vranken?], *alias* Culis, or Kuleman. See note on page 83.

and six skipples of wheat and the expenses already incurred herein, without loss or damage. Done in Albany, this 10th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1678.

In the margin:

Was signed with the mark P A of  
PIETER ADAMSE

*Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty*

*A. Teller*

Acknowledged before me,

JOHANNES PROVOOST, *Sheriff*

This is a true copy, copied from the original, inasmuch as the original was accidentally defaced.<sup>1</sup> Alb. 6 Jan. 167<sup>8</sup>½

*Quod attestor*

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond and mortgage of Willam Loveridge to Hezekiah Usher and satisfaction of mortgage acknowledged by Jan Juriaense Becker**

[16] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaeuhtichtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Corn: van Dyck, magistrates of said jurisdiction, William Loveridge, hatter, burgher of this town, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted and in arrears of Mr Hezekiah Usher, merchant at Boston, in the sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds, eleven shillings and two pence Boston money, growing out of the matter of certain wares and merchandise which Wm. Loveridge, jun<sup>r</sup>, bought of said Usher [and for which he executed an obligation payable on the 10th of June 1670, on which obligation £35:10:11 Boston money has been already paid, so that the appearer promises to pay the remainder, £224:11:2]<sup>2</sup> (the interest being not counted to said Mr Usher at Boston in silver money there, or beavers at silver price, before September next ensuing, herewith releasing his son William therefrom and thereto binding specially his, the appearer's, three houses and lots, standing and lying in Albany, to wit, two next to the court house and the other on the square (*Plein*), and generally his person and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges.

<sup>1</sup> *See original in deane's collection.*

<sup>2</sup> The words between brackets were written in the margin

for the recovery of the debt in due time, if need be, without loss or damage. Done in Albany the 1st of March 1678.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

The words in the margin were written before the signing hereof.

WILLIAM LOVERIDGE

Acknowledged before me,

ROBERT LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

On this 13th day of May 1682 before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schinnechtady, came and appeared Mr Jan Jurianse Becker, submitted for Mr Andries Teller, attorney for Mr Hezekiah Usher, who in the capacity aforesaid declared that he released the two houses of W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge, hatter, standing and lying next the court house, bound over by the foregoing mortgage to Mr Hezekiah Usher of date March 1. 1678, granting hereby full privilege to sell, occupy the same, or dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects.

In witness whereof subscribed with his own hand in Albany,  
*datum ut supra.* J. BECKER

**Power of attorney from Maria Arents, widow of Arent van den Bergh, to her son-in-law John Gilbert**

[17] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, and presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Maria Arents, widow of the late Arent van den Bergh, who declared that she hereby constituted and made her son-in-law, John Gillbert, her attorney for her and in her name to collect all debts from whomsoever due to her late husband, likewise to pay all persons who have any claims against the aforesaid estate so far as the money will go and of the remainder to make a proper return and accounting to her according to law, giving him hereby full power and authority, with the severity of justice, to compel those who may refuse or be unwilling to pay, to observe all the terms of the courts unto sentence and extreme execution thereof, and likewise upon receipt to grant a discharge and furthermore to do all things in the matter aforesaid regarding said estate which shall be needful, either with or without legal proceedings, promising at all times to ratify whatever her attorney shall do and

perform in the matter aforesaid, without any gainsaying. Thus done and executed in Albany, on the 11th of March 1673.

*Testes*

*Rich: Pretty*

*Hans Dreper*

This is the mark X of MARIA ARENTS made with her own hand.

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>T</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Teunis Teunissen de Metselaer to Paulus Martensen Raemaecker for a house and lot in Albany

[18] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaeenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Tennis Teunise de Metselaer,<sup>1</sup> who declared that he had granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof Paulus Martense Raemmaecker<sup>2</sup> a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, with all that is therein fast by earth and nail, adjoining to the south the house of Harme Janse<sup>3</sup> and to the north Geurt Heyndrix,<sup>4</sup> to the east the public street and to the west the wagon road; in breadth, front and rear, four rods, and in length from the street to the wagon road; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to him granted by the honorable the Governor General Rich: Nicolls, dated May 15, 1667, to which reference is herein made, free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right, and without the grantor's making any further claim thereto in the least, acknowledging himself to be fully paid therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Paulus Martense Raemmaecker, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the

<sup>1</sup> Teunis Teunissen, mason, from Loenen, province of Utrecht. See *Van Rensselaer Bowler Mss.*, p. 830.

<sup>2</sup> *Raemmaecker*, literally "window maker," is apparently a mistake for *Raemaecker*, a contraction of *Kaemaecker*, meaning "wheelwright." He is also referred to as Paulus Martensen van Benthuyssen and Paulus Martensen van Rynsburch; see p. 70 and note on p. 18.

<sup>3</sup> Harmen Jansen Lyndrayer (rope maker); identified by Professor Pearson with Harmen Jansen van Salsbergen. See *Early Records of Albany*, I:133, 170; and p. [127], [175] of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> Geurt Hendricksen van Schoonhoven

same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either with or without resorting to law in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, this 30th of March 1679.

TEUNIS TEUNISZ METSELAER

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Corn. van Dyck*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed of a house and lot on the hill in Albany from Wynant Gerritsen van der Poel to his son Melgert Wynantse**

[19-20 wanting; 21] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, Schaehechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Corn: van Dyck, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Wynant Gerritse van der Poel, who declared that he had granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of his son Melgert Wynantse a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, adjoining southerly the grantor, northerly Lawrence van Ale, easterly Mr Abraham van Tricht and Arent van den Bergh, and westerly the public street in breadth in front on the street one rod, five feet and five and a half inches Rhineland measure, in length six rods and eight feet, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a patent granted him by the late Governor Francis Lovelace, of date the 13th June 1670, and likewise by virtue of a conveyance this day given him and Jan Conell by Jan Cloete, to wit, 6 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in hes out of the contents of said patent and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet out of the contents of the conveyance, being the just half of what was conveyed in the aforesaid conveyance by Jan Cloet, together comprising as above one rod, five feet and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches; which he, the grantor, does by reason of wages earned of his father before his, Melgert's, marriage; free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right, and without the grantor's making the least pretensions thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid therefor in consideration of the aforesaid services rendered, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Melgert Wynantse, his heirs and successors or assigns, to do therewith and dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial

estate and effects, promising never more to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 31st of March 1679.

WYNANDT GERREYDT VAN D<sup>r</sup> POELL

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Cornelius van Dyck*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Gerrit Herttenberch to Capt. Johannes Clute for a lot in Albany on the hill**

[22] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schauenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cor: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Gerrit Hardenberg, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Capt. Jan Cloete a certain lot lying here in Albany on which at present stands a part of Melgert Wynantse's house and a part of the house of Lawrence van Ale, adjoining southwardly Wynant Gerritse, northwardly Evert d'Cuyper,<sup>1</sup> westwardly the public street and eastwardly Arent van den Bergh, in breadth twenty-one feet and in length on the south side six rods and eight feet and on the north side six rods and five feet, according to contract of sale thereof of date the 11th of February 1668; but it is to be observed that the lot in its entirety is in breadth in front two rods and eleven inches and in the rear two rods, and in length as above, which remaining lot he, the grantor, has sold to his brother-in-law Johannes de Wandelaer and hereby conveys to him; which he, the grantor, conveys to both persons by virtue of a conveyance received by him from the magistrates dated 29 May & 8 June, 1668,<sup>2</sup> free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving

<sup>1</sup> Evert Jansen Wendel, the cooper. He came from Emden, in Ost Friesland, and judging from his last name was of Frisian extraction. At a later date the name was generally written "Wendell," but "Wendel" would seem to be the preferable spelling.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning old and new style date, there being a difference of ten days between them. Cf. Deed from the magistrates to Jan Clute, of same date, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:434.



*plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jan Cloete and Jan de Wandelaer, their heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as they might do with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, this 31st of March 1679.

GERRIT HERTTENBERGH<sup>1</sup>

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Cornelis van Dyck*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Wynant Gerritsen van der Poel and Jan Conell for a lot in Albany on the hill**

[23] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhaechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirck Wessells and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Jan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Wynant Gerritse van der Poell and Jan Conell a certain lot lying here in Albany on the hill, whereon already stands a part of the houses of Melgert Wynantse and Lawrence van Ale, adjoining southerly Wynant Gerritse, northerly Evert d'Cuyper,<sup>2</sup> easterly Arent van den Bergh and westerly the public street, in breadth in front on the street 21 feet and in length on the south side six rods and eight feet and on the north side six rods and five feet, with all the rights thereto belonging, as it was conveyed this day to him by Gerrit Hardenbergh according to the contract of sale thereof of date the 11th of February 1663, free and unincumbered, without any charges resting on or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretensions thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Wynant Gerritse and Jan Conell, their heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as they might do

<sup>1</sup>In his will, *Notarial Papers*, 2:66-70, he is said to have been born at Maerssen, presumably the village of Maarsen in the province of Utrecht. His name, variously spelled Hardenberg and Hartenberg (with or without final *h*), appears several times in the records of the Reformed Dutch Church at New York. His wife was Jaepje Schepmoes, born at New York.

<sup>2</sup>Evert Jansen Wendel, the cooper.

with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany the 31st of March 1679.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Cornelis van Dyck*

**Deed from Capt. Philip Schuyler to Madam Maria van Rensselaer for a house and lot on Jonker street in Albany**

[24] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, Colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, the Honorable Capt. Phillip Schuyler, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Madam Maria van Rensselaer, widow of the late Jeremias van Rensselaer, deceased, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on Jonkheer street, between the houses of Adriaan Gerritse and Maritie Dame, bounded and limited according to the patent thereof, of date the 13th of August 1668,<sup>1</sup> from the Right Honorable General Richard Nicols, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a conveyance received by him from Capt. Thom: Willet, of date the 2d of September 1671,<sup>2</sup> free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging him-

<sup>1</sup>The record of this patent is as follows: "Richard Nicolls Esq. &c. Whereas there is a certaine house & Lott of ground at Albany late in the tenure or occupation of Peter van Aallen scituat lying & being in y<sup>e</sup> high street that goes up to y<sup>e</sup> Hills on y<sup>e</sup> North syde thereof having Ariaen Garretsens house on y<sup>e</sup> East syde or on y<sup>e</sup> left hand & Cornelius van Nesse on y<sup>e</sup> right hand or y<sup>e</sup> west syde reaching in length from y<sup>e</sup> street backwards & in breadth y<sup>e</sup> space between y<sup>e</sup> Two houses aforementioned. Which said house & Lott of ground w<sup>th</sup> all th<sup>r</sup> appurtenances stands forfeited & confiscated to his Mat<sup>ties</sup> use by an Acte of this Governm<sup>t</sup> bearing date y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1665 as belonging to a subject of y<sup>e</sup> States Gen<sup>ll</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> United Belgick Provinces then in Warre & open hostility ag<sup>t</sup> his Mat<sup>ty</sup>. Now Know yee that for & in consideration of a certaine Quantity of good & merchantable Beaver skins rec<sup>d</sup> & paid unto me for y<sup>e</sup> use of his Royall Highness Lord Proprietor of these Territoryes by Capt<sup>n</sup> Thomas Willett one of y<sup>e</sup> Councell belonging to this his Royall Highnesse Governm<sup>t</sup> & for Divers other good Causes me thereunto also especially moving by vertue of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>on</sup> & authority unto me given by his Royall Highness, I have thought fitt to give graunt bargaine & sell & by these p<sup>s</sup>ents do giue graunt bargaine sell ratifye & confirme unto y<sup>e</sup> said Capt<sup>n</sup> Willett &c. The Patent is dated August 13<sup>th</sup> 1668."

<sup>2</sup>See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:487.

self to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Madam Maria van Renselaer, her heirs, and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as she might do with her own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons whatsoever claiming any right, title, or interest in the same, as in justice he is bound to do, and furthermore never to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either with or without legal proceedings in any manner whatsoever binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 7th of April 1679.

PHILIP SCHUYLER

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Cornelis van Dyck*

#### Deed from Geurt Hendricksen to Jacob Ten Eyck for a lot in Albany

[25] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc. and in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Geurt Heyndrix, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful, and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Ten Eyk a certain lot lying here in Albany, adjoining southerly the house of Lawrence van Ale and Jan Jause Bleeker, northerly the lot of said Geurt Hendrixen,<sup>1</sup> westerly and easterly the public streets, in breadth in front, on the street, to the east, thirty and a half feet Rhineland measure and in the rear twenty-two feet, nine inches: in length southerly six rods, seven and a half feet and likewise northerly six rods, seven and a half feet; which the grantor does by virtue of a patent granted him by the Honorable Governor General Rich: Nicolls, dated June 4, 1667,<sup>2</sup> free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's henceforth making the least pretension thereto acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny

<sup>1</sup> Apparently Geurt Hendricksen van Schoonhoven.

<sup>2</sup> The abstract of this patent reads: "A Patent granted upon a Transport made by Wouter Aertsen being empowered thereunto by Pieter Menssen bearing date the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Apr: 1667 unto Geurt Hendricksen for a certain Lott of Ground House & Garden lying in Albany then in the tenure, or occupacon of the s<sup>d</sup> Geurt Hendricksen conteyning in Length and breadth as it lay within the Fence. Now for a Confirmacon &c: Th: Patent is dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1667."

with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jacob Ten Eyck, his heirs and successors, to do with and dispose of the premises as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to defend the same from all and every person and free it from all trouble, claims, or incumbrances as is right, and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either with or without going to law, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 7th of April, 1679.

GEURT HEND[R]ICKSEN

In my presence,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jan Lansing, husband and guardian of the widow of Hendrick Coster, to Capt. Johannes Clute for a house and lot and orchard on the hill in Albany**

[26] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jan Lansing, husband and guardian of Geertie Coster, widow of the late Hend: Coster, deceased, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Capt. Jan Claets a certain house, lot and orchard standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, adjoining southerly Hend: Rooseboom, northerly Marte Crygier, easterly and westerly the street, being five rods broad and twenty rods long, which the grantor does by virtue of a patent granted to his predecessor Hend: Coster, deceased, by the honorable the Governor General Rich: Nicolls, of date the 25th of April 1667<sup>1</sup>, to which reference is herein made, free and unincumbered without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and

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<sup>1</sup>In this patent, which was a confirmation of the Dutch grant to Lourens Lourensens, dated October 25, 1653, the property is described as "a certain Lott of Ground, House & Court, or yard thereunto belonging Being near the Fort in Beverwick at Albany bounded to the South by Pieter Bronck's, to the North by the Lotts of low Ground to the East by the waggon way & to the west by the Hills having in breadth five Rod, & in length twenty Rod: which 5<sup>d</sup> Patent, or Groundbrieve so granted as afores<sup>d</sup> bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Octob. 1653 was upon the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept: 1664 transported and made over unto Hendrick Coster by Goosen Gerritsen who had lawfull power so to doe." See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:362.

satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Capt. Jan Cloete, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself therefor as by law provided. Done in Albany on the 10th of April 1679.

JAN LANSINCK

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Cornelis van Dyck*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from John Gilbert, attorney for his mother-in-law, Maria Arents van den Bergh, to Lawrence van Alen for a small lot on the hill in Albany**

[27] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, John Gilbert, son-in-law of Arent van den Bergh, as attorney for Maria Arents, widow of the late Arent van den Bergh aforesaid, deceased, for the settlement of the aforesaid estate, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Lawrence van Alen a certain small lot lying here in Albany on the hill, being seven feet broad, Rhineland measure, adjoining northerly the aforementioned Arent van den Bergh, southerly the house of Isaack Verplank and the rear of Van Tricht's lot, westerly said Lawrence van Ale and easterly the street, extending as far as the whole lot of said Van den Bergh, being six rods long, which he does by virtue of patent granted to Arent van den Bergh deceased by the Honorable Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, of date the 6th of September 1667, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, as he acknowledges himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Lawrence van Ale, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid small lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising

nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 11th of April 1679.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

JOHN GILBERTT

*Cornelis van Dyck*

Acknowledged before me,

ROF. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Reyer Jacobsen Schermerhorn, husband and guardian of the widow of Elmer Otten, to Johannes Witthardt for a house and lot on Jonker street in Albany**

[28] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., and in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren, husband and guardian of Ariaentie Arents, late widow of Elmer Otte, deceased, who declared that he had granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes Witthardt, trader, at present residing in Holland, a certain house and lot, standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, on Jonker street, next the house of Madam Alida van Renselaer, widow of the late Dom Nicolaus van Rensselaer, deceased,<sup>1</sup> adjoining westerly the house of Mr Nicolaus d'Meyer, northerly the house of Isaack Verplanck, southerly the street and easterly the house of said Madam Alida van Renselaer, in breadth in front on the street one rod, ten feet, one and a half inches, breadth in the rear toward the north one rod and ten feet, length five rods eleven feet and two inches, whereof four feet in the rear for a passageway extending eastward to the street is free as well for this house as for the house of the aforesaid Madam Renselaer; which the grantor does by virtue of a conveyance granted him by Mr Jan Thomase, being half of the lot specified in a patent granted to said Thomase by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, of date the 20th of April 1667, to which reference is here made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto,

<sup>1</sup> See deed from Reyer Schermerhorn to Rev. Nicolaus van Rensselaer on p. 15-16 of this volume. The maiden name of Madam Van Rensselaer was Schuyler.

acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Johannes Witthardt, his heirs and successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant the same against any and all persons claiming any right or interest therein, as in justice he is bound to do, and nevermore to do or to cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 14th of April 1679.

REYER JACOBSE SCHERMERHOORN

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Hendrick Lansing and  
Luycas Gerritsen for a lot on the hill in Albany**

[29] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyck, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Jan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Hendrik Lansingh and Luycas Gerritse a certain lot lying on the hill where now the houses of the aforesaid H: Lansing and L: Gerritse stand, in breadth in front on the street three rods and a half foot and in the rear on the east<sup>1</sup> side the same, and on the west two rods and eleven feet, all Rhineland measure, being a part of lot N<sup>o</sup>. 4 conveyed to him by Ludovius Cobes the 23d of November 1667 by virtue of the patent to said Cobes granted by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls under date of the 6th of September 1667,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Hendrik Lansingh and Luycas Gerritse, their heirs and successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as they might do with their own patrimonial estates and effects.

<sup>1</sup> Thus in the original. Cf. deed from Clute to same persons, September 9, 1672, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:506.

<sup>2</sup> There is no record of this patent except a brief memorandum that a confirmation was granted to "Lovis Cobes N<sup>o</sup>. 4. In breadth 36. foot &  $\frac{1}{2}$  & in length 6. Rod."

promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons lawfully claiming any right or interest therein and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done, either by or without resorting to law, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Albany, the 15th of April 1679.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Dirk Wessellsz*

*Cornelis van Dyck*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Jan Byvanck for a lot on the hill in Albany

[30] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schauenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Jan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jan Byvanck a certain lot lying on the hill, on which the house of said Byvanck now stands, in length, on the east side, next to Hend: Lansingh, two rods and eleven feet, in front on the street twenty-one feet and seven inches, in the rear two rods less a half foot, length on the west side, next to Gerrit Hardenbergh, thirty-four feet and one inch, all Rhineland measure,<sup>1</sup> being a part of the lot N<sup>o</sup>. 4 to the grantor conveyed by Ludovicus Cobes the 23d of November 1667, by virtue of the patent to said Cobes granted by the late Gov<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, under date the 6th of September 1667, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges resting on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jan Byvanck, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to defend the same against any and all persons and to free the same from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and furthermore nevermore to do nor suffer anything to be done contrary hereto either with or

<sup>1</sup>A deed from Clute to Byvanck for the same lot, dated Sept. 9, 1672, appears in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:506-7.



without legal proceedings, in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 15th of April 1679.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Corn. van Dyck*

Acknowledged before me,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Contract between Jacob Staets and Pieter Schuyler for the sale of a house and lot on the First kill at Albany**

[31] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Jacob Staas, who declared that he had sold and Pieter Schuyler that he had bought the seller's house and lot with the barn and all that is thereon fast by earth and nail, standing and lying here in Albany, adjoining northerly the first little kill<sup>1</sup> and Jochem Wessells, westerly the street, southerly the house of W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge, latter, and easterly the river, in breadth in front on the street six rods and four feet in length on the south side thirteen rods, six feet and seven in hes, breadth in the rear three and twenty feet, length on the north eighteen rods, Rhineland measure, surveyed by the sworn surveyor (*geswaore Roymeester*), with all its appurtenances, being a part of what was described in the patent granted to Mr Jacob de Hinse by the Honorable Governor General R: Nicolls, of date the 3d of May 1667 (excepting the lord's right): for the purchase of which the buyer is obligated and promises to pay to said Jacob Staas, or order, or his assigns, the quantity of one hundred and fifty good, whole, merchantable beaver skins, to be paid in two instalments, to wit, the first payment next July a just half, being seventy-five beavers, and the second payment in July 1680—the remaining half:

<sup>1</sup> *t Eerste killeetje*. Professor Pearson here supplies the name "Rutten," though in a note in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:109, he designates the Beaver kill as the First, and the Rutten kill as the Second kill, while in Munsell's *Annals of Albany*, 2:226, the Rutten kill is called the third creek from the Norman's kill inclusive. It seems quite certain, however, that in this conveyance the Rutten kill is intended. Surgeon de Hinse bought the house and lot August 20, 1662, from Jan Labatie, who received a patent for the land on October 25, 1653. See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:308. For location of Beaver, Rutten and Fox (Vossen) creeks, see Plan of the city of Albany, by Simeon De Witt, 1794, reproduced in *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York*, for 1904; Munsell's *Annals of Albany*, v, 3; and other places. See also *Early Records of Albany*, p. 176, where a house and lot are described as "lying without the town of Albany, on the Third kil [Fox creek]."

the buyer shall have the power to enter, take possession of and use the aforesaid house and lot immediately and a conveyance shall be made on the final payment.

In witness whereof the contracting parties have subscribed this in presence of Marte Gerritse and Johannes Provoost, called as witnesses hereto. Done in Albany the 1st of May 1679.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Johannes Provoost*

JACOB STAETS  
PIETER SCHUYLER

Acknowledged before me,  
RO<sup>T</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Sweer Teunissen van Velsen to Pieter Pietersen van Woggelum for his farm on the Poesten kill

[32] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, county of Renselaerwyck and Schaenhechtady, et., in presence of the Honorable Mr Marten Gerritse and Mr Joh: Provoost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Sweer Teunise, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Pieter Pieterse van Waggelen<sup>1</sup> a certain parcel of land with house and barn and all the appurtenances thereof, lying in the colony of Renselaerswyck close upon the river on the east bank over against *Steenen hoek* (Stone hook) heretofore called *Poesten Bouwery*,<sup>2</sup> where the aforesaid P<sup>r</sup>: van Waggelen now dwells; which he does by virtue of the patent to him granted by the late Gov<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Rich: Nicolls, of date the 13th of April 1667, to which reference is herein made, excepting only the sawmill together with the kill on which the mill stands and two morgens of arable land and a right of way for a wagon to the shore along the hill, conveyed to Jan Corn. Vyselaer and Laycas Pieterse on the 25th of June 1675—the remainder specified in the aforesaid patent with all rights and appurtenances thereof are now conveyed to P<sup>r</sup>. Pieters van Waggelen aforesaid and that free and unincumbered without any charges resting on, or issuing

<sup>1</sup> Generally called "van Woggelum," probably after the village of that name near Alkmaar, in the province of North Holland.

<sup>2</sup> That is, the farm of Jan Barentsen Wemp, nicknamed *Poest* (meaning a cowherd), on the Poesten kill, in the southern part of the city of Troy, N. Y. Sweer Teunissen van Velsen was engaged by Wemp as a farmhand and eventually married his widow. See about this farm, *Van Rensselaer Bowier Mss.*, p. 755-56.

out of the same, saving the lord's right, and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned P<sup>r</sup>. Pieterse van Waggeleu, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant the premises against any and all persons and free the same from all trouble, claims, and incumbrances as is right and never more to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either with or without judicial proceedings, in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 6th of May 1679.

SWEER THOONUSSEN VAN VELSEN

*Marten Gertsen*

*Johannes Provoost*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Jan Jansen Ouderkerk for a lot in Albany**

[33] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady and in presence of the Honorable Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Johan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jan Janse Ouderkerk, cooper, a certain lot lying here in Albany, where his cooper's shop now stands, lying between the house of Antony Lespinard and Gerrit van Schayek, in breadth 14 feet and eight inches<sup>1</sup> Rhineland measure front and rear, and in length six rods and one foot, all Rhineland measure, which the grantor does by virtue of a patent to him granted by the Honorable Rich: Nicolls, late governor, of date the 1st of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> being a part of the lot mentioned in the aforesaid patent, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or [rents] issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last.

<sup>1</sup>In the margin was written: "N.B. But it is to be noted that Antho. Lespinard has taken in half of the 8 inches, which he must surrender."

<sup>2</sup>See note to next document.

and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan Janse Onderkerk, his heirs and successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant the premises against any and all persons and to free the same from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either with or without legal proceedings, in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 6th of May 1679.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Marten Gertsen*

*Johannes Provoost*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Ludovicus Cobes for a house and lot on Jonker street in Albany**

[34] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Johanness Provoost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Jan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Ludovicus Cobes a certain house and lot, standing and lying here in Albany on the Jonker street, adjoining southerly the street, westerly Hieronimus Wendell, easterly Jan Janse Onderkerk and northerly Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper,<sup>1</sup> in

<sup>1</sup> The description in this deed furnishes an illustration of the ambiguity of language in many of the Dutch conveyances which makes it difficult to determine the exact location of the property even where, as in this instance, a definite landmark such as a street or creek is named in the instrument. The Dutch description of the property conveyed by this deed from Johannes Clute to Ludovicus Cobes reads as follows: *seker huys & Erve staende & gelegen alhier in Alb: op den Jonkerstracet belendende ten snyder de stract ten wester Hieronimus Wendell Ten oosten Jan Janse Onderkerk, ten noorden Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper*, which appears to be correctly translated as above and to place the property definitely on the north side of Jonker, now State street. Yet, if we examine the patent to Clute of April 1, 1667, referred to in the deed, we find the following: "A Patent granted upon a Transport made by Adrian Garritsen (as Attorney of Dirck Jansen Kroon) unto Jan Cloet, upon the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1664, for a certaine House and Lott of Ground in Beverwyck at Albany, near the Hills, having the Streete to the North, to the South Jan Hendrick's van Bael, to the East, Jan Tomassen's, and to the west, Wouter Albertsen's, containing all the Ground as it lyes within the fence, &c. The Patent beares date the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1667. R. Nicolls." That this patent really relates to the same property as that described in the deed given above, in spite of the fact that the lot is spoken of as "having the Streete to the north," is shown by an examination of the

breadth in front on the street three rods and two inches and in length five rods and nine feet, Rhineland measure, in breadth in the rear likewise three rods and two inches, which the grantor does by virtue of a patent to him granted by the Honorable Governor General Rich: Nicolls, of date the 1st of April 1667, being the remainder of what was described in the aforesaid patent, Jan Janse Onderkerk possessing the residue, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Ludovicus Cobes, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own

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deeds from the magistrates to Sander Leendertsen Glen, from Glen to Adriaen Gerritsen, and from Adriaen Gerritsen to Johannes Clute in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:392, 336, 301, 63 (in all of which the property is described as adjoining to the north, or being bounded on the north by, the street, in conformity with the patent just cited) and furthermore of the deeds from Johannes Clute to Ludovicus Cobes, from Cobes to Jeronimus Wendell, from Jan Thomase to Cornelis Steenwyck, from Sander Leendertsen Glen to Jan Hendricksen van Bael, and from van Bael to Timothy Cooper, in *Deeds*, 3:34, 35, and *Early Records of Albany*, 1:143, 185-86, 358, 127. Turning now to the original text of the deed from Adriaen Gerritsen to Johannes Clute  $\frac{1}{2}$  Nov. 1664, in *Deeds*, 1:166, which is referred to in the patent to Johannes Clute and with that of the deed itself in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:63, but absolutely conflicts with the description in the deed given above from Clute to Ludovicus Cobes, unless a distinction be made between the participles *belcndende* and *belent*, the first indicating that the lot adjoins to the south the street, and the second that the lot is bounded by, or situated on, the north side of the street. No such distinction, however, appears to have been observed in the deeds and it certainly has not been recognized in the confirmatory patents issued by the early English governors. As a result there is in many cases uncertainty as to the relative location of adjoining pieces of property, which should be constantly borne in mind in using the present translations and the early English patents in connection with searches regarding the title to real estate. That in this case the property was actually located on the north side of State street is proved by the above-mentioned deed from Jan Thomase to Cornelis Steenwyck, June 14, 1678, for the corner lot to the west of the property conveyed by Clute, in which this corner lot is described as being *breedt voor aen de straat ten suyden twee Roeden ses voet & twee duym . . . is lang . . . ten westen aen d' straat vyff Roeden & negen voet*. This admits of but one interpretation, namely, that the lot was bounded south and west by the streets. Professor Pearson, in his diagrams of the lots on State street, north side, between North Pearl and James (Munsell's *Collections*, 4:180), places the lot conveyed to Steenwyck on the northeast corner of Pearl and State streets. It may be added that Jan Thomassen who deeded the property to Steenwyck was not Jan Thomassen Mingael, as given by Professor Pearson, but Jan Thomassen from Wittbek, as shown by comparison of his signature with that to *Notarial Papers*, 2:103-5.

patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons whatsoever, from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 8th of May 1679.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Marten Gertsen*

*Johannes Provost*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Ludovicus Cobes to Jeronimus Wendel for a lot on Jonker street in Albany

35 Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Marten Gerritse and Mr Johannes Provost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Ludovicus Cobes, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jeronimus Wendell a certain lot lying here in Albany on Jonker street, whereon Jeronimus' house stands, adjoining westerly Mr Corn: Steenwyk, easterly the grantor, southerly the street and northerly Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper, in breadth in front on the street seventeen feet and five inches and in the rear the same, and in length five rods and nine feet, all Rhineland measure, and in like manner the use of a common alley,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide and thirty feet in length, between the houses of Pieter Schuyler and him, Jeronimus Wendel with the understanding that he may have a gate, back of the 30 feet, of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet in width, opening out upon the common alley; which the grantor does by virtue of a conveyance to him made by Jan Cloete on the 8th of this month of a house and lot, whereof this lot is a part, and that free and unincumbered without any charges on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jeronimus Wendell, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant the premises against any

and all persons and to free the same from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany the 9th of May 1679.

LUDOVICUS COBES

*Marten Gertsen*

*Johannes Provoost*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Contract between Capt. Thomas de Lavall and Juriaen Teunissen Tappen for the sale of a house and lot in Albany**

[36] On this 17th of May 1679 appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaehechtady, etc., and before the underwritten witnesses, Capt. Thomas de La Vall of the one side and Jurian Teunisse Tappen of the other side, who hereby acknowledge that in all love and friendship they have agreed in manner following, namely Capt. de La Vall acknowledges that he has sold and Jurian Teunisse that he has bought of him a certain house and lot, standing and lying here in Albany, being the first house on the west side within the south gate of Albany, at present occupied by Aernout Corn: Viele, and the seller promises the same to deliver to the buyer or to his order, now, immediately, just as it was delivered to him by said Jurian Teunisse, who now accepts the same as it lies inclosed, excepting an alley on the south side along the town stockade, and that free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), for which the buyer promises to pay to the seller or his order one hundred and eighty good, while, merchantable beaver skins, to wit, one hundred and twenty good beavers together with a good black beaver within one month after delivery and the remaining sixty beavers within one year in beavers, wheat, peas, or boards at current rates at the time of payment, at the option of the buyer, and on the final payment the seller shall deliver to the buyer a good and sufficient deed (in the meantime said house is specially engaged to Mr Lavall until the time of the last payment as a special mortgage or security), hereto binding their persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, and subject to all lords, magistrates, courts, and judges. In confirmation of which

they have [subscribed] these without fraud or deceit in presence of Capt. Silv: Salisbury and Rich: Pretty, called as witnesses hereto. Done in Albany *datum ut supra*.

The words in the margin were written before the signing hereof.<sup>1</sup>

*Silv: Salisbury*  
*Richard Pretty*

THO: DE LAVALL  
JURE JAN TUNSEN

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Pieter Bogardus, as attorney for Jonas Bogardus, to  
Wouter Albertsen van den Uythoff for a lot in Albany**

[37] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Kenselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Pieter Bogardus,<sup>2</sup> in capacity also as attorney of Jonas Bogardus, who declared that he conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Wouter Albertse van den Uythoff, a certain part of a lot lying herein in Albany between the houses of Dirk Wessells and said Wouter Albertse, on which the new house of Antony Lespinard now stands, in length and breadth as it lies impaled (saving the lord's right) and that Mr Wessells's house remain drip free, which the grantor does by virtue of a patent granted to his mother Annetie Borgardus by the late Governor General Rich: Nicols, of date of the 10th of July 1667,<sup>3</sup> whereof this lot is a part, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least to the same, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the

<sup>1</sup> This refers to the words which in the printed text are inclosed in parentheses.

<sup>2</sup> For account of Pieter Bogardus, see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:37, note, June 5, 1683, he obtained letters of administration on the estate of his wife's stepfather, Juriaen Jansen Groenwout, who had died shortly before that date. See *Proceedings of Justices of the Peace*, 1680-85, p. 414.

<sup>3</sup> On this date a confirmatory patent was issued to the heirs of Annetie Bogardus "for a certaine Lott of ground lying neare ye Fort at Albany having to ye north a Lott lying in Comon to ye west Martin Herpertsens to ye South ye waggon way & to ye East a Comon path way containing in length six Rod lying ypon a square, As also a garden lying thereby on ye South side of Dirrick Jansens & on ye north side of Albert Gerrits being in length seaven & in breadth five Rod, w<sup>ch</sup> said Patent or Groundbreife so graunted as aforesaid beares date ye 23<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill 1652."



aforenamed Wouter Albertse van den Uthoff, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and neither to do nor suffer anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner either by or without resorting to law, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 6th of June 1679.

PIETER BOGARDUS

*A. Teller*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

**Deed from Wouter Albertsen van den Uythoff to Anthony Lespinard for a house and lot on Jonker street in Albany**

[38] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhectady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Wouter Albertse van den Uthoff, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Anth<sup>o</sup>. Lespinard, baker, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on Jonker street, adjoining eastwardly his, Antho[ny]'s, new house, westwardly Jan Janse Ouderkerk, southerly the street and northwardly Mr Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper, being in length eastwardly six rods, three feet, in breadth in front on the street one rod, six feet, eight inches, as long on the west as on the east and in breadth to the north one rod, seven feet and eight inches; likewise Wouter Albertse conveys to Anth<sup>o</sup>. Le[s]pinard a lot lying here in Albany next to the aforesaid house and lot whereupon the aforesaid Anthony's new house now stands, in length and breadth as it now lies impaled (excepting the lord's right), provided that Mr Wessells's house remain drip free, which first house and lot the grantor conveys by virtue of a patent to him granted by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls under date of the 1st of May 1667,<sup>1</sup> and the last lot by virtue of a conveyance to him given by P<sup>r</sup>. Bogardus under date of the 6th of June 1679, whereto reference is herein made, and that free and uninumbered, without any charges on, or issuing out of the same

<sup>1</sup>This patent was granted upon a transport made by David Pietersen Schuyler to Wouter Albertsen van den Uythoff, dated the 10th of September 1665, for which see *Early Records of Albany*, I: 302-03, where the date is given as "the first day of September, 1665, old style."

(save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and two lots as he Anthony Lespinard might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons whatsoever from all trouble, claims, and incumbrances as is right and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 12th of June 1679.

WOUTER ALBERTS

*A. Teller*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Juriaen Teunissen Tappen to Capt. Philip Schuyler  
for a farm on the east side of the Hudson river**

[39] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jurian Teunise Tappen, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Capt. Phillip Schuyler, a certain farm lying in the colony of Renselaerswyck, over against said Schuyler's farm called *d'Flakte* (the Flat), on the east side of Hudson's river, whereon said Jurian heretofore dwelt, with the dwelling house, barn and two ricks and all the cattle and horses which said grantor has had there, together with all the land, as well arable as pasture, as the same lies in its fence between two kills, and the woodland, together with all the farming tools thereto belonging, all in accordance with the contract of sale thereof dated the 6th of November 1677; which farm aforesaid is a just tenth part of the colony of Renselaerswyck; all of which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a conveyance to him given by the worthy Mr Jeronimus Elbinck, husband and guardian of Madam Johanna de Laet, under date of the 7th of July 1676,<sup>1</sup> whereto reference is herein made (only excepting the lord's right), and that free and unin-

<sup>1</sup> For this conveyance, see *Early Records of Albany*, 1: 129-30.

cumbered, without any charges thereon or [rents] issuing out of the same, and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he has been fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Capt. Phillip Schuyler, his heirs and successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid farm and the appurtenances and dependencies thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims or incumbrances, as is right, and furthermore neither to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either with or without legal proceedings, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 17th of June 1679.

JURE JAN TUNSEN

*A. Teller*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Hilletje, widow of Storm van der Zee, to Cornelis van Dyck for a lot on the Fuyck kill at Albany**

[40] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schauenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the Honorable Mr Aud<sup>t</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Hilletje van der Zee, widow of the late Storm van der Zee, deceased, who declared that she grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Cornelis van Dyk, chirurgion, a certain lot lying here in Albany, south of the Fuyck kill,<sup>1</sup> behind said Van Dyk's lot, adjoining westerly Harme Ruttgers, easterly and southerly the grantor and northerly the Fuyck kill, in length westerly three rods, ten and a half feet and easterly three rods, in breadth south and north two rods, all Rhineland measure, which she, the grantor, does by virtue of a patent to her late husband granted by the late Governor Richard Nicolls under date of the 10th of May 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, being a part of the lot mentioned in the afore-

<sup>1</sup>The same as Ruten kill, now covered by Norton street; see, Munsell's *Annals of Albany*, 1:132; 2:226.

<sup>2</sup>This patent was for land granted by Stuyvesant on April 23, 1652, to Anthony de Hooges and conveyed to Storm Albertsen van der Zee on May

said patent and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretensions in the least thereto, acknowledging herself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Corn: van Dyk, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons whatsoever from all trouble, claims, and incumbrances as is right and furthermore neither to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 18th of June 1679.

HILLETIEN VAN DER ZEE

*A. Teller*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

Acknowledged before me,  
Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Bond and mortgage of William Parker to John Pynchon of New England

[41] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr. And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, William Parker, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted and in arrears to Major John Pynshon of N: England in the sum of one and twenty pounds and one shilling sterling for merchandise received to his satisfaction, which aforesaid sum of £21:1 Boston money the subscriber promises to pay to the aforesaid Major Pynchon or order at Boston within the time of three months from date (and failing of payment at Boston, said Parker remains obligated to pay said sum here in good beavers reckoned at 12st. apiece, together with the duty (*recognitie*) and freight of said beavers to Boston),<sup>1</sup> therefore binding specially his house<sup>2</sup> and lot lying here in Albany on the hill, where he now

1, 1662, by Roelof Swartwout, who married the widow of de Hooges. In the patent the land is described as "abutting to the North on the Creek, or Kill called the Fuycke Kill to the South and East the waggon way, and to the West on Volchert Jans conteyning in length sixteen Rod, & in breadth nine Rod."

<sup>1</sup> The words in parentheses were written in the margin.

<sup>2</sup> Probably a house on the west side of North Pearl street, on lot No. 8, one of the "New Lotts of Ground lately Layd out at Albany uppermost

dwells and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords courts, and judges for the payment thereof if need be without costs or loss.

Done in Albany, the 2d of July 1679.

Words in the margin written before the signing hereof.

WM. PARKER

*A. Teller*

In my presence,

*Dirck Wesselsz*

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jan Jansen Bleecker and Jacob Sandersen Glen, attorneys for the late Jan Hendricksen van Bael, to Timothy Cooper, for a house and lot on the hill in Albany**

[42] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jan Janse Bleiker and Jacob Sanderse, attorneys of Mr Jan Heyndrix van Bael, who declared that they grant, convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper a certain house and lot, standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, where he, Cooper, dwells, adjoining southerly Mr Cornelis Steenwyk and notherly Harmanus Burgerse,<sup>2</sup> easterly and westerly the street, as it lay inclosed when said Van Bael possessed it, or as it was inclosed when they the grantors sold it on May 27, 1676,<sup>3</sup> which they do by virtue of a patent granted to J. Heyndrix van Bael by the Honorable Governor General Rich:

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towards the Hills," containing in breadth 45 feet and in length 6 rods, for which Sergeant William Parker received a patent from Governor Nicolls on May 30, 1667. On June 7, 1669, Governor Lovelace issued another patent to him as follows: "Whereas Serjeant William Parker belonging to his Maties garrison at Albany had heretofore a Patten for a Lot of ground upon ye Hills whereupon he hath built & now dwelleth thereupon, & there being a small peice of ground behynde & Equall w<sup>th</sup> his Lott conteyning in Length about three Rod & a halfe, ye w<sup>ch</sup> lyeth wast & unmaured & belongeth to no perticular person, The Comissaryes there haueing likewise consented to & recommended unto me ye same Know ye &c."

<sup>2</sup>Harmanus Burgerse was apparently a son of Burger Jorissen, the smith, of New York. He married Margriet Carstens, daughter of Carsten Fredricksen and Tryntje Warners. In 1704 he lived in New York. See "Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York" (N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections, v. 2), under 1652, and *Deeds*, 5:45-46.

<sup>3</sup>See contract of sale of May 26, 1676, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:127.

Nicolls of date the 30th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lords right) and without the grantors' making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of said house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against any and all persons from all trouble, claims, and incumbrances as is right and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany on this 5th of July 1679.

*A. Teller*

*Dirk Wessellsz*

JAN JANSZ BLEECKER

JACOB SANDERS: GLEN

In my presence,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Deed from Jan Hendrick Bruyn to Andries Hansen Huygh for land at Kinderhook

[43] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Jan Heyndrik Bruyn, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Andries Hanse Huygh<sup>2</sup> a certain piece of land lying near Kinderhoek, on the

<sup>1</sup> This was a confirmation of the conveyance from Sander Leendertsen Glen to Jan Hendricksen van Bael of August 18, 1664, for a "House & Lott of Ground in the Towne afores<sup>d</sup> towards the Hills having to the North Jan Tomassens to the South Hendrick Kupler [Kuyler] to the East and west the street." According to the diagrams in Munsell's *Collections*, 4:212, the lot conveyed was the second from State street, between North Pearl and James streets.

<sup>2</sup> The same as Andries Hansen Huyck; not to be confounded with Andries Hansen Scherp (Sharp), who bought land in Kinderhook in 1671 and 1683 and who, like Huygh, makes his mark A H, though in a different way, Huygh combining the letters in the form of a monogram and Scherp writing them separately. See *Notarial Papers*, 2:384; *Wills*, 1:32, 146; *Deeds*, 4:94, 170; *Pearson's Early Records of Albany*, 1:281, 483-84; and E. A. Collier, *History of Old Kinderhook*, p. 47, 97, 99, 531. Pearson, in his *Early Settlers of Albany*, p. 15, suggests that there may have been yet a third Andries Hansen at Kinderhook, namely, Andries Hansen Barheit, who he thinks may be the same as "Andries Hanse de Sweedt, dwelling at Kinderhoek," in 1675. Mr Collier, p. 100, also mentions Barheit as one of the early settlers and moreover names Geertje (or Gerritje), daughter of Tennis Tennis de Metselaer, as the wife of Scherp as well as of Barheit, without

north side of the Kinderhook kill, beginning at the kill on which the sawmill stands and stretching along said great kill to the brink of the hill,<sup>1</sup> being all the land which said Bruyn possessed on the north side of the great kill, specified in a patent granted to him by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace, dated the 9th of January 1671,<sup>2</sup> by virtue of which he conveys this and whereto reference is herein made; likewise a little point of land, also mentioned in the aforesaid patent, lying on the south side of the great kill, beginning at the brink of the hill and extending to the little kill that runs on the inside of the height;<sup>3</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Andries Hanse Huygh, his heirs and successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of said parcel and small point of land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all

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intimating, however, that they were one and the same person. As a matter of fact, Barheit and Scherp, in spite of the similarity in meaning of their names (Barheit = gruffness), were not the same person and there is no evidence that Andries Hansen Barheit ever lived at Kinderhook. June 8, 1692, he sold his land on "the great flats near Coxhaelky" to Dirk Tennise van Vechten and in 1699 he is referred to as of "new yorke, yeoman." See *Deeds*, 4:20, 166, the originals of which, according to the record, were signed Andries Hanse Barheyt (Berheyt), in full.

<sup>1</sup> *d'offgevalle Bergh*; literally, the fallen-off hill, apparently referring to a hill with an abrupt descent, possibly the hill on the Kinderhook creek, two miles northeast of Chatham Center.

<sup>2</sup> No record of this patent appears in the office of the Secretary of State, though it is cited in the Kinderhook Patent of March 14, 1686 (*Patents*, 6:154-60) and there is distinctly stated to have been "Recorded in the Secretary's Office." The description of the land, as cited in the Kinderhook Patent, is as follows: "A certaine Peece of Land beginning at the above said Land & Goeing to the bottom of the hill called Pennekees and that on both sides of the Creek or Kill with a small Creek on each side of the Kill which is Called Nackamekasuck with the Wood Land belonging to it." The expression "the bottom of the hill" corresponds probably to what in the deed above is called *d'offgevalle Bergh* and according to E. A. Collier, *History of Old Kinderhook*, p. 19, Pennekees (or Pennekoes) was the name of the hills to the east of Valatie toward Chatham Center. Evidently, the land conveyed by this deed was in what is known as the second allotment of the Kinderhook Patent. See Map of the Division of Kinderhook, facing p. 76 of Collier's *History*; his chapter on Settlement and Land Litigation, and the text of the Kinderhook Patent, on p. 532-36 of the same volume.

<sup>3</sup> *dat Cleyne killeetje die binnen d'hooghte stroomt*. This may refer to what is still known as the Kline kill, in which case the *offgevalle Bergh* would seem to be a hill to the southwest of Chatham Center. Cf. deed from Andries Hansen Huygh to Dirck Hendricksen Bye, Dec. 13, 1680, which speaks of *een killeetje dat uyt het Boss comt*, a little kill that comes out of the woods.

persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and nevermore to do, nor cause anything to be done, contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 8th of July 1679.

*A. Teller*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JAN HENDRICK BRUYNS

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Gerrit Herttenberch for a lot on Rom street and part of another lot in the rear**

[44] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Jan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Gerrit Hartenbergh, a certain lot lying here in Albany on the hill, on Rom street, upon which said Gerrit Hardenbergh has built a house, adjoining westerly Jan Janse Bleeker, easterly Jan Byvanck, northerly the street and southerly Geert: Vosburgh and Ony la Grangie, in length on the east side next Jan Byvanck thirty-four feet and one inch, Rhineland measure; in breadth, front and rear, twenty-four wood feet and on the west side next Jan Bleeker thirty-two feet and eight inches, Rhineland measure; which the grantor does by virtue of a conveyance to him given by Ludovicus Cobes, of date the 23d of November 1667,<sup>1</sup> and also by virtue of a patent to the grantor given by his Excellency Sir Edmond Andross, Knight, governor general, of date the 25th of March 1680, inasmuch as 15 feet, 5 inches Rhineland measure of the lot were conveyed by L. Cobes and the remainder up to 24 wood feet by virtue of the patent aforesaid; also, said Clute conveys to said Hardenbergh a little corner of a lot in the rear at the hindmost end, in breadth, front and rear, ten feet and three and a half inches, in length on the east side two rods and on the west side two rods and 2 inches, which he does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren under the date of the 19th of April 1680,<sup>2</sup> being [part] of the lot N<sup>o</sup>. 9, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without charges resting on, or [rents, profits and emoluments] issuing out of the same

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:427.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 75 of this volume. The present deed is recorded out of chronologic order.



(saving the lords right) and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Gerrit Hardenbergh, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid premises as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant the premises against any and all persons and to free the same from all trouble, claims, and incumbrances as is right and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 20th of April 1680.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

JOHANNES CLUTE

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Release from Barent Meyndertsen to Sir Edmund Andros for  
land at Schodack**

[45] On this 5th day of August, Barent Myndertse, shoemaker, conveyed and made over to his honor, Sir Edmond Andross, governor general, a certain parcel of land lying on the east side of Hudson's river, near Schotax island, being a square piece, of one hundred and fifty rods square, containing thirty-seven morgens and three rods, as per patent thereof granted by his honor on the 29th of September 1677,<sup>1</sup> all of which he now releases, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied for all his right and title to said lands, the first penny with the last, by the hand of the Receiver RO<sup>t</sup>. Livingston. Done in Albany, the 5th of August 1679.

BARENT MEYNDERSZ  
Acknowledged before me,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from William Loveridge, senior, attorney for Timothy  
Cooper, to Gerrit Herttenberch for a house and lot in Albany**

[46] Appeared before me, RO<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>, Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, William Loveridge, Sen<sup>r</sup>., as attorney for Mr

<sup>1</sup>This patent is not on record.

Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh the house and lot of said Cooper, standing and lying here in Albany between the house of Harmanus Borgertse<sup>1</sup> and Jacob Tyse van der Heyden [abutting] front and rear upon the streets, as it lies inclosed and as he bought it at vendue; which the grantor does by virtue of a conveyance given to the aforesaid Cooper by the attorneys of Jan Hendrix van Bael, dated the 5th of July 1679, to which reference is herein made and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor in his capacity aforesaid making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hardenbergh, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against any and all persons from all trouble, claims, and incumbrances as is right and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 22d of August 1679.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

WILL: LOVERIDGE

Acknowledged before me,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Deed from Jacob Salomonsen to Pieter Bogardus for a house, lot and garden south of Albany

[47] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Andries Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jacob Salomonse,<sup>2</sup> who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of P<sup>r</sup>. Bogardus, a certain lot with house and garden standing and lying without Albany, south of the old fort, where said Bogardus now dwells, adjoining easterly the common wagon road on the river side, southerly, northerly and westerly the pasture possessed by the commander of Fort Albany, being fourteen rods wide in front to the east on the river side, in the rear to

<sup>1</sup> The same as Harmanus Burgerse: see p. 55.

<sup>2</sup> Professor Pearson here supplies the name "Goewey."

the west eighteen rods, in length to the north fourteen and to the south twenty-four rods, which he does by virtue of a patent granted to his wife's former husband Thomas Janse by the Honorable Governor General Rich: Nicolls under date of the 9th of September 1667,<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered without any charges on or [rents] issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretensions in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Pieter Bogardus to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot, house and garden as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to defend the same against all and every person and free the same from all trouble, claims, and incumbrances as is right and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 27th of August 1679.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

'Tis the mark X of JACOB SALOMONSE,  
made with his own hand.

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jannetje, widow of Thomas Powell, to Paulus Martensen for a house and lot in Albany**

[48]<sup>2</sup> Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenbechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jannetje Paulussen, widow of the late Thomas Paulussen,<sup>3</sup> deceased, who declared that she granted, conveyed and

<sup>1</sup> This was a confirmation of the grant to Thomas Janssen of October 25, 1653, for "a certaine lott of ground w<sup>th</sup> a house & garden lying & being in Albany to y<sup>e</sup> South of y<sup>e</sup> ffort & to y<sup>e</sup> North of Bever Kill bounded to y<sup>e</sup> East w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> comon waggon way by y<sup>e</sup> Ryver to y<sup>e</sup> South north & west w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> land in y<sup>e</sup> tenure or occupacon of him the said Thomas Jans. conteyning in breadth on y<sup>e</sup> East before towards y<sup>e</sup> said way fourteen Rod & behinde on y<sup>e</sup> west side Eighteene Rod In length on y<sup>e</sup> North fourteene & on y<sup>e</sup> South side four & twenty Rod." The original patent, like all other patents for the years 1652 and 1653, when most of the grants for land at Albany were issued, is missing.

<sup>2</sup> This document is recorded out of its proper chronologic place.

<sup>3</sup> This should be Thomas Powell. September 2, 1663, Thomas Powell of

made over to and for the behoof of Paulus Martense Raemmaecker<sup>1</sup> a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany next to Domine Gideon Schaets, adjoining south and west Jurian Teunise Tappen, to the east and north the street,<sup>2</sup> in breadth in front on the road two rods, ten feet, in length to the north ten rods, to the south ten rods, eight feet and a half, in breadth to the west along the fence of Jurian Teunise five rods and three feet; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of a conveyance to her late husband from Sander Leendertse Glen, under date of the 20th of October 1662, to which reference is hereby made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further pretension in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Paulus Martense Raemmaecker, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial possessions and effects, promising the same to warrant against any and all persons and free the same from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 2d of August 1680.

N. B. Has been long written but not subscribed till now.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

The mark X of JANNETJE PAULUSSEN  
made with her own hand.

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>, LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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Herrisfort (Hertford?, Eng.) states in an affidavit that in 1641 he was a sergeant in Brazil under Capt. Adam Wilschut and afterwards a lieutenant in Capt. Claudio Messu's company. See *Notarial Papers*, 1:376-77.

<sup>1</sup>The same as Raemaecker, or Rademaker, meaning wheelwright.

<sup>2</sup>*belent ten suyden & ten westen Jurian Teunise Tappen, ten oosten en noorden 's heere stract.* Cf. Deed from Sander Leendersen Glen to Thomas Powell, October 26, 1662, referred to below and translated in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:314, in which the compass directions are reversed. See also contract between the widow of Thomas Powell and Paulus Martensen, August 24, 1676, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:133-34.

**Deed from Westenhoek Indians to Dirck Wesselsen and Gerrit Teunissen for four flats on both sides of the Kinderhook creek**

[49] On this 1st of October 1679, Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Gerrit Teunise <sup>1</sup> have bought a certain parcel of land lying at Kinderhook, in presence of the honorable magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhectaedy, of the following Indian owners, to wit, Wieslaghaect and his two brothers Powlyates and Maxinhaet and their two cousins <sup>2</sup> Waespacheek and Pinonak, all Westenhoek Indians, the land consisting of four flats lying on both sides of the Kinderhook kill, being about a Dutch mile from Jan Tysen's, whereof the two largest lie on the east side of the kill, the most northerly comprising about twenty-seven morgens and the other about fourteen morgens, and the other two flats lying on the west side, one comprising about twenty-five morgens and the other about six morgens, together with the woodland lying thereby extending to the high hills, the four flats aforesaid lying to the north of the land that Jan Bruyn bought of Pompoen <sup>3</sup> and south of the land of Matit Niminaw, for which aforesaid pieces of land with the woodland and the kill so far as the land extends the aforesaid owners acknowledge themselves fully paid and satisfied, having therefor received three hundred fathoms of seawan, or the value thereof in merchandise to their content, which aforesaid lands they as the lawful owners wholly grant, convey and make over to the aforesaid Dirk Wessells and Gert Teunise, with all the privileges, rights and prerogatives thereof, without their making any further pretensions in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, promising to defend the premises against any and all persons and to free the same from all [50] trouble, claims, and incumbrances which may hereafter arise as well from Christians as Indians, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner.

<sup>1</sup> Gerrit Teunissen van Vechten, as shown by the mark of the present grantee to a deed of April 7, 1683, and that of van Vechten to his will dated March 8, 1704, in *Wills*, 1:112-14.

<sup>2</sup> *Neffs*; which may mean either nephews or cousins.

<sup>3</sup> *'t Landt dat Jan Bruyn van Pompoen aekt, heeft*. In the patent for these four flats to Dirck Wesselsen and Gerrit Teunissen, dated March 25, 1680, the sentence reads: "the Land that Jan Bruyne De Pompoen hath bought," implying that Pompoen (Pumpkin) was a nickname of Jan Bruyn. This is not the case, however. According to E. A. Collier, *History of Old Kinderhook*, p. 10, Pompoen was the Indian proprietor of Valatie or land to the east of it. See also E. M. Ruttenber, *Indian Geographical Names*, p. 58, and William M. Beauchamp, *Aboriginal Place Names of New York*, p. 48 (New York State Museum Bulletin 108).

In confirmation of which said natural owners have subscribed these in presence of Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates, and Aernout Cornelise Viele, as interpreter hereto called. Done in Albany *datum ut supra* [and in presence of] the Mahikan Indians Cach Patt and Sagancochkan, as witnesses.

<i>Marten Gertsen</i>	This the mark X of WIESHACHKAET made with his own hand.
<i>Cornelis van Dyck</i>	This is the mark X of MAXINHAET made with his own hand.
<i>Arnout Corn: Viele</i>	
This the mark X of <i>Cach Patt</i> , witness	This is the mark X of WAESPACHIEEK made with his own hand.
This the mark X of <i>Sagancochkan</i> , witness	This is the mark X of POUHYATES made with his own hand.
	This is the mark X of PINONAK made with his own hand.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Power of attorney from the heirs of Gerrit Fredricksen Lansing to Jan Barentsen ten Kate and Gysbert Jansen Vermeer to collect their inheritance in the province of Overijssel**

[51] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Dirk Wessells and Cornelis van Dyck, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Gerrit Gerritse Lansing, Hendrick Gerritse Lansingh, Johannes Gerritse Lansing, Mr Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Slichtenhorst, husband and guardian of Aeltie Lansingh, Hendrik Rooseboom, husband and guardian of Gysbertie Lansing, and Hilletie Lansing, widow of the late Storm Albertse van der Ze, deceased, all citizens of this town of Albany, who declared in accordance with advice from their cousin <sup>1</sup> Jan Barentst ten Kate, dwelling at Swoll in Over Isell, dated the 4th of June 1670, that they constituted and appointed

<sup>1</sup> *Nefft*; which may mean either nephew, or cousin.

their said cousin Jan Barentst ten Kate, residing at Swoll, and Gysbert Janse Vermeer, residing at Hassell, where he is *gasthuysm<sup>1</sup>*,<sup>1</sup> their attorneys, specially to demand, collect and receive in Over Yssell, etc., their inheritance and bequests left to them by their father deceased, named Gerrit Frerickse Lansing, in his lifetime burgher of Hassell; of the receipts to give acquittance, to release from further demands and furthermore to do, transact and perform all that may be needful and that may seem advisable to them, promising at all times to hold valid whatever shall be lawfully done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the aforementioned attorneys Mr Jan Barentst ten Kate and Mr Gysbert Janse Vermeer, without any gain-saying, provided that the attorneys be held upon request to make a proper accounting, statement and return of their transactions aforesaid. Done in Albany in America on the 3d of October in the thirty-first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, Annoq: Dom: 1679.

In the margin:

Was subscribed:

*D: Wessells*

*Corn: van Dyck*

GERT. GERRITSE LANSING

HEND: GERRITSE LANSINGH

JOH: GERRITSE LANSINGH

GERT. VAN SLICHTENHORST

HEND: ROOSEBOOM

HILLETJE VAN D<sup>r</sup>. ZEF

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Robert Story to Gerrit Lansing for a house and lot on the hill in Albany

[52] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyck, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Robert Story, who declared that he grants, conveys, and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Gerrit Lansingh, his house and lot

<sup>1</sup> *Gasthuysmeester*; meaning "hospital superintendent," and not "proprietor of an inn," as the translation had it. Hassell is intended for Hasselt, in the province of Overijsel.

standing and lying in Albany on the hill, with all that is therein fast by earth or nail, adjoining on the east side Claes van Rotterdam, on the south side said Gerrit Lansingh and on the north and west sides the highway, in breadth in front on the street five and twenty feet and in the rear said Lansing's house, extending from the upper corner to the lower in a straight line along said Lansing's house, drip free, the width in the rear being fourteen feet less two inches, in length on the south side four rods, six feet and three inches, all as it lies inclosed in fence, which the grantor does by virtue of a conveyance to him given by Mr Samuel Holeman of date the 29th of August 1676,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right, and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansinck, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to defend the same against all and every person and free the same from all trouble, claims and incumbrances which may hereafter arise, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto either with or without judicial proceedings in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 4th of October 1679.

ROBERT STORY

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

In my presence,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Pieter Jacobsen Borsboom to Cornelis van Dyck for  
a garden outside of Albany behind the old fort**

[53-54 wanting; 55] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the Honorable Mr And: Teller and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Pieter Jacobse Borsboom, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Cornelis van Dyck a certain garden lying without the town of Albany behind the old fort which said Van Dyck now possesses,<sup>2</sup> adjoining southerly

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:141-42.

<sup>2</sup> *Welke d<sup>r</sup>. van Dyk tegenwoordigh besitt.*



the garden of Jan Janse Bleeker and Jan Byvanke, northerly Harne Vedder, westerly Jochem the baker and easterly the common lane (*gangh*), in length and breadth as the same has been possessed by Jan Labathee; which he does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Jan Labathe, dated the 17th of September 1669,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Cornelis van Dyk, his successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid garden as he might do with his own patrimonial possessions and effects, promising to defend the same against all and every person and free it from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 12th of December 1679.

PIETER YACOBSEN BORSBOOM

*A. Teller*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jacob Jansen van Noorstrant to Hendrick Gerritsen van der Meulen for two lots in Albany**

[56] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Alb[any], colony of Rens[elaerswyk] and Schaenh[echtady], in presence of the Honorable And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jacob Janse van Noorstrant,<sup>2</sup> who declared that he

<sup>1</sup> See conveyance in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:450-60, which covers a house and lot as well as the garden. The conveyance states that Labatie makes over the house and lot to Borsboom "by virtue of patent in the care of Mr. Jacob De Hinse, of date the 3d of May, 1667." As there is no patent to Labatie of that date, the statement refers apparently to the patent which was issued on that date to De Hinse in confirmation of the conveyance to him by Labatie, of August 20, 1662, for which see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:308. It will be noticed that by this last mentioned conveyance—which must have been in the nature of a mortgage, since Labatie still had title to the house and lot in 1669—the garden was reserved.

<sup>2</sup> Nordstrand, an island off the coast of Schleswig, opposite Husum, from the vicinity of which, Bredtstelt, Witbek, Friedrichstadt, Eiderstedt and Dithmarschen, a number of early settlers came. In the 17th century a colony of Dutch farmers belonging to the Old-Catholic sect settled on the island of Nordstrand. Their descendants still entertain relations with Holland and obtain their clergymen from there. See Johan Winkler, *Oud Nederland*, p. 103. Friedrichstadt, on the Eider, in the same region, was founded in the

granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Hend: Gerritse vand<sup>1</sup>. Meule<sup>1</sup> a certain lot lying here in Albany on which the house of Tennis Slingerlant and some other small houses stand, adjoining southerly and westerly the common road, easterly the grantor and northerly the Fuykse kill, in breadth on the south and north thirty feet, in length eight and a half rods; likewise said Jacob Janse conveys to said Hend: Gerritse a small parcel of ground in the rear on the kill, twenty-six feet in breadth and twenty-three feet in length, according to the survey thereof; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to him granted by the Right Honorable Edmund Andros, governor general, dated the 8th of May 1679,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power [to said Van der Meule] to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, liens and incumbrances and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 13th of January 1690.

JACOB JANSEN VAN NORDTT

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*A. Teller*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Deed from Jan Cornelissen Vyselaer to Andries Albertsen Bradt of his half interest in the mill on the Poesten kill

[57] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of

17th century by Dutch Protestants known as Remonstrants, the opponents of the Calvinists, who were exiled on account of their faith after the synod of Dordrecht. It is possible therefore that some of the settlers from Schleswig were in reality Hollanders, and not Frisians, Danes, or Germans.

<sup>1</sup> Hendrick Gerritsen van der Meulen was a master tailor. See *Notarial Papers*, 1:209.

<sup>2</sup> This patent was a confirmation of a Dutch grant of April 23, 1652, for a lot of ground "bounded to the South by the waggon way, to the North by a certaine Creeke called the Fuyck Kill, to the West by a waggon path and to the East by the hospitall, being in length nine Rodd and in breadth Eight & a halfe." This lot was apparently situated upon what is now the northeast corner of Beaver and South Pearl streets.

the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jan Cornelise Vyselaer, who declares that he grants, conveys and makes over as hereby he does, in true, rightful and absolute ownership, to and for the behoof of Andries Albertse Bradt a certain, the grantor's, half [interest in a] sawmill, together with half of the kill on which the mill stands and half of two morgens of arable land in the colony of Renselaerswyk, up the river, on the east bank, over against the Steenhoek, heretofore called Poes-ten mill, together with the half of a right of way for a wagon along the hills toward Pieter Pieterse van Waggelum's to the shore, as it has heretofore been used; likewise the grantor hereby fully relinquishes his half interest in the tools which belong to the aforesaid mill, making over the same to the said And<sup>r</sup>. Albertse Bratt with the half of ten new saws, together with all the rights and privileges as he, Vyselaer, has possessed the same and they were acquired by him from Sweer Teunise, together with the half of what has been added, built and delivered to the mill since that time; which the grantor does by virtue of the conveyance to him and Luycas Pieterse given by Sweer Teunise, dated the 25th of June 1675;<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right, and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving full power to the aforesaid Andries Albertse Bradt, his heirs and successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either by or without going to law, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Albany, the 15th of April 1680.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*A. Teller*

This is the mark X of JAN CORN-  
ELISE VYSELAER made with his own  
hand

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> For deed from Sweer Teunissen van Velsen to Jan Cornelissen Vyselaer and Lucas Pietersen Coeymans, see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:117-18.

**Deed from Palus Martensen to Jan Jansen Bleecker and Lawrence van Alen for a house and lot in Albany**

[58] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Paulus Martense Raedemaeker,<sup>1</sup> who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Jan Janse Bleecker and Lawrence van Ale a certain house and lot, standing and lying here in Albany, with all that therein is fast by earth and nail, adjoining southerly the house of Harne Janse, northerly Geurt Hendrix, easterly the street and westerly the wagon road, in breadth, front and rear, four rods and in length from the street to the wagon road; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him granted by Teunis Teunise Metselaer, of date the 30th of March 1679, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges resting on, or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as they might do with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 2d of March 1680.

POULIS MARTEN

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*A. Teller*

**Deed from Teunis Cornelissen van der Poel to Marten Cornelissen for one-half of Ghonankenigh island opposite Bethlehem**

[59] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Andries Teller and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Teunis Cornelise van der Poel,<sup>2</sup> who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Marten Cornelise<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Paulus Martensen, wheelwright. See note on p. 32.

<sup>2</sup> By his signature clearly identified with Teunis Cornelissen Spitsbergenh, or Spitsbergen. See *Notarial Papers*, 2 269; *Early Records of Albany*, 1:110, 334; *Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS*, p. 849; and following notes.

<sup>3</sup> Professor Pearson here and in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:119, supplies

the half of a certain island by the Indians called Ghonaukenighl,<sup>1</sup> where said Marte now dwells, lying obliquely over against Bethlehem, with all his right and interest therein as the same has belonged to him: which he does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Richard Niccols, dated the 13th of August 1667,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Marte Cornelise, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid half island and appurtenances thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and furthermore never to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 13th of March 1678.

TEUNIS CORNELISZE VAN DER POEL

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*A. Teller*

In my presence,

ROB. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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the name Van Buren, but this is apparently a mistake and should be Van Ysselsteyn. See *Van Rensselaer Bowler Mss.*, p. 181, note, and *Notarial Papers*, 1:30.

<sup>1</sup>In the patent of the 13th of August 1667, mentioned in the text, the island is called Constables island, which evidently corresponds to Constapel's island, opposite Paerde Hoeck (now Parda hook), and would seem to refer to what is now known as Bear island, about a mile south of Van Wie's point. Constapel's island was so named after Andries Herpertsen Constapel, to whom, jointly with Rutger Jacobsen, the island was patented on March 10, 1661. In this patent of 1661 the island is said to be situated "about two [Dutch] miles below Fort Orange, obliquely opposite Bethlehem, in the Indian tongue called Pachonakellick otherwise Mahicanders island," which Rutenber, *Indian Geographical Names*, p. 178, erroneously identifies with Castle island. See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:119; *Dutch Patents*, III, part 2, p. 122; O'Callaghan, *History of New Netherland*, 1:427; and *Van Rensselaer Bowler Mss.*, p. 829-30.

<sup>2</sup>According to this patent, Teunis Cornelissen van der Poel came into possession of the half of the island and one-half of the buildings, fences and appurtenances thereof by virtue of a judgment of the court, in satisfaction of a certain debt due to him from Rutger Jacobsen, since deceased. The other half of the island, which originally belonged to Andries Herpertsen Constapel, was after his death disposed of at public sale, on June 26, 1663, to Volkert Jansen Douw, who received a patent for it on September 6, 1667, July 26, 1675. Volkert Jansen entered into a contract with Pieter Winne for the sale of his half interest in the island and December 13, 1677, he made a formal conveyance thereof. See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:108-9, 166-70, 325, 333-34.

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Johan Friese (de Vries) for  
a house and lot in Albany**

[60] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr. And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Johan Clute, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes de Vries,<sup>1</sup> burgher of this town, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, with all that is thereto fast by earth and nail, adjoining southerly and also easterly the grantor, northerly Marte Cryger and westerly the street, in breadth, front and rear, sixteen feet, one in h and in length eighty feet, wood measure, with the understanding that the house shall have free drip on both sides, except in front on the street between [it and] Marte Cryger as the houses stood at the time they were sold, moreover granting him, said de Vries, or his successors, forever the privilege of repairing the sewer which runs through the grantor's garden, without contradiction or objection of anyone, which the grantor does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Jan Lansinck, of date the 10th of April 1670,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges resting on, or growing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Johannes de Vries, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to defend the same against any and all persons and to keep the same free from all trouble, claims and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto, in any manner, binding himself as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 27th of March, 1680.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*A. Teller*

In my presence,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> See his signature on p. 140.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 38.

**Deed from Major Abraham Staets to the elders and deacons of the Lutheran church for a house and lot in Albany on the First kill**

[61] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaeuhecktady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Cornelis van Dyck magistrates of said jurisdiction, Major Abraham Staas, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Albert Bratt, Mynd<sup>t</sup>. Frederikse, elders, and Anthony Lespinard and Carsten Frederikse, deacons, of the Lutheran Church here in Albany, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, with all that is thereto fast by earth and nail, on the First kill,<sup>1</sup> adjoining to the south the First kill, to the north the former common path now owned by Mr Pretty, Ja ob Sanders, Joh: Wendel, Mynd<sup>t</sup>. Harmense and Hend: Cuyler, to the east the common road and to the west a little kill, in breadth on the east side twelve rods and eleven feet and on the west side six rods and four feet, and in length on the south side twenty-one rods and one foot and on the north side twenty-three rods and two feet, all Rhineland measure, on which lot the Lutheran church now stands; likewise the house for the Lutheran domine, being bought and paid for by the whole Lutheran congregation, to whom the same is now made over; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to him granted by the late Governor Richard Nicolls under date of the 25th of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> being a part of said lot, to which reference is herein

<sup>1</sup> The same as the Rutton kill. For location of the Lutheran church, see Simeon De Witt's plan of the city of Albany, 1794, reproduced in *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York* for 1904.

<sup>2</sup> The record of this patent reads as follows: "Richard Nicolls Esq. &c. Whereas there was a Patent or Groundbrieve heretofore granted by the Dutch Governour Petrus Stuyvesant unto Cap<sup>t</sup>. Abraham Staets for a certain Lott of Ground where his House stands lying in Beverwick Albany near the Fort abutting on the west to the Lott belonging to Rut Jacobsen there being a path between both of five foot breadth off from the s<sup>d</sup> Path westward its in breadth six Rod & two foot Southward it conteynes eighteen Rod westward to his small Creek or Kill five and twenty Rod & from the s<sup>d</sup> Creek to the first small creeke its in breadth eight Rod. Together with another Lott of Ground and Garden abutting on the North to the Lott of Ruyter Hendricks, on the west to the way, on the East to the Garden belonging to M<sup>r</sup> Renselaer, & on the south to Aryaen Hpendam conteyning in breadth five Rod and in length seven Rod lying as it were in a square which s<sup>d</sup> Patent or Groundbrieve granted as afores<sup>d</sup> beares date the 25. day of Octob. 1653. And whereas there is also another Garden adjoining on the south to Adriaen Gerritsen on the North to the Lott of Anneke Bogardus on the East to M<sup>r</sup> Renselaers, and on the west to the way conteyning in breadth fifteen Rod & in length seven Rod which s<sup>d</sup> Garden hath been heretofore purchased by the s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>. Abraham Staets. Now for a Confirmation &c. The Patent is dated the 25<sup>th</sup> Apr: 1667."

made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or growing out of the same (saving the lord's right), acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned persons in their capacity as [members of the] consistory of the Lutheran church, being for the use of the whole church, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as they might do with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising to defend the same against any and all persons and to free the same from all future trouble, claims and incumbrances and furthermore nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law therefor provided. Done in Albany, the 29th of March 1680.

ABRAM STUAS

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*A. Teller*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jacob Lokermans to Reyer Schermerhorn, husband and guardian of Ariaentje Arents, widow of Elmer Otten, for a house and lot on the hill in Albany**

[62] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jacob Lokermans, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren, husband and guardian of Ariaentie Arents, late widow of Elmer Otte,<sup>1</sup> deceased, a certain house and lot standing and lying on the hill here in Albany, being No. 9, in breadth in front two rods and eleven inches and in the rear two rods; in length on the south side six rods, one foot, nine inches and on the north five rods, ten feet, eight inches long; bounded north by Ryer Jacobse aforesaid and Jan Cloete, easterly by Geertruy Vosburgh, southerly by Omay La Grangie and westerly by the street; which the grantor does by virtue of a patent to him granted by His Excellency Sir Edmond Andros, Knight, governor general, etc., of date the 25th of March

<sup>1</sup>In *Notarial Papers*, 1:446, he signs his name as a witness to a power of attorney of July 10, 1664, "Helmerich Otten," and is referred to in the text as "Helmert Otten van Isens." Judging from his distinctly Frisian name, Isens probably stands for Esens, in East Friesland, and not for Essen, as Professor Pearson suggests in his *First Settlers of Albany*.



1680,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is here made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or growing out of the same (saving the lord's right), and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, since he acknowledges that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren, successor of Elmer Otte, deceased, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do therewith and dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and in unbrances, and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 17th of April 1680.

JACOB LOKERMANS

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Reyer Schermerhorn to Capt. Johannes Clute for the house and lot described in preceding deed (not executed)**

[63] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Capt. Johan Cloete a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, being lot No. 9, breadth in front two rods and eleven inches and in the rear two rods, length on the south side six rods, one foot nine inches and on the north five rods, ten feet and eight inches; bounded north by Ryer Jacobse aforesaid and Jan Cloete, easterly by Geertruy Vosburgh, southerly by Omy La Grangie and westerly by the street; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance granted him

<sup>1</sup>The only record of a patent of that date to Jacob Lokermans is for a lot of exactly the same dimensions as that conveyed by the present deed, but which is described as lot no. 11 and as "having on the north side Helmer Otte and Jan Clute on the East side Gertruy Vosburgh on the South side Omy La Grande and on the west side the High streete According to the Returne of the Towne Surveyor." According to this patent, the lot was purchased by Lokermans at public sale and conveyed to him by the commissaries.

by Jacob Lokermans, of date the 17th of April 1680, to which references is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or growing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, since he acknowledges that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Capt. Jan Cloete, his heirs, successors, or assigns therewith to do and to dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 10th of April 1680.

[Not signed by the grantor]

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Jan Jansen Bleecker for a house and lot on the hill in Albany**

[64] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhechtade, in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Jan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Jan Bleeker a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, bounded westerly by Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren, easterly by the house that heretofore Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hardenburgh owned, southerly by the lot heretofore owned by Jacob Lokermans and northerly by the street; length on the west side two rods, ten feet, three inches, in front on the street one rod, ten feet and nine inches, breadth in the rear one rod, ten feet and six inches, length on east side three rods, all Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to him granted by His Excellency Sir Edmond Andross, knight, governor general, of date the 25th of March 1680; likewise said Cloet conveys to Mr Jan Bleeker aforesaid a small corner of a lot that adjoins to the rear of said lot, in breadth one rod, ten feet and six inches and the south end one rod, nine feet and two inches, length east and west six feet less three inches, likewise Rhineland measure; which he does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Ryer Jacobse

Shermerhooren, of date the 19th of April 1680, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or growing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan Janse Bleeker, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further neither to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 21st of April 1680.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

In my presence,

RO: LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Juriaen Jansen Groenwout  
for a house and lot in Albany on the hill**

[65] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the Honorable Mr Andries Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Johan Cloet, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Juriaen Janse Groenwout,<sup>1</sup> a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, with all that is thereto fast by earth and nail, bounded northerly and westerly<sup>2</sup> by Ryer Jacobse Shermerhooren, southerly by Omy La Grangie and westerly by the street, both sides of the house and lot drip free; in length thirty-eight wood feet and nine inches as well on the south side as on the north side, to wit, the house and lot

<sup>1</sup> For account of Juriaen Jansen Groenwout, see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:122, note. He died shortly before June 5, 1683, when Pieter Bogardus, husband of Groenwout's stepdaughter Wyntje Cornelis, obtained letters of administration on his estate, Bogardus having proved to the satisfaction of the court that it was Groenwout's desire that Wyntje Cornelis should be his sole heir, to the exclusion of relatives in Holland. See *Proceedings of Justices of the Peace*, 1680-85, p. 414. In *Notarial Papers*, 1:200, he is called Juriaen Jansz van Groenwout. There are a number of places by the name of Groenwout, or Groenewoud, in the Netherlands.

<sup>2</sup> This should be: easterly.

alike, breadth in the rear as in front; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance made to him by Ryer Jacobse Shermerhooren, of date the 9th of April 1680, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on, or growing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claims thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Juria[e]n Janse Groenwout, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 21st of April 1680.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Gerrit Herttenberch to Jan Byvanck for a house and lot at Albany on the hill**

[66] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Shaenhechtady and in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Cornelis van Dyck, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Gerrit Hartenbergh, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Jan Byvanck a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, with all that is fast by earth or nail, bounded westerly by Jan Janse Bleeker, easterly by Jan Byvank aforesaid, northerly by the street [Maiden Lane] and southerly by Geertruy Vosburgh and Omy La Grangie; length on the east side near the house of said Byvank thirty-four feet and one inch Rhineland measure and breadth front and rear twenty-four wood feet, on the west side next Jan Bleeker thirty-two feet and eight inches Rhineland measure; likewise a small corner of lot behind the rear end, breadth front and rear ten feet, three and a half inches, on the east side two rods long, on the west side two rods and two inches long; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a conveyance to him made by Capt. Jan Cloete, of date the 20th of April 1680, to

which reference is herein made; and that tree and unincumbered, without any charges on, or growing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least to the same, acknowledging himself fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan Byvank, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial effects and estate, promising to defend the same against all persons and free the same from all trouble, claims and incumbrances, as is right, and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary thereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 21st of April 1680.

GERIT HERTTENBERCH

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond and mortgage of Gerrit Teunissen to the patroon of the colony of Rensselaerswyck with satisfaction of mortgage by Maria van Rensselaer**

[67] On this 27th of April 1680 appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Johannes Provoost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Gerrit Teunisse,<sup>1</sup> who acknowledged that he was well and truly indebted and in arrears to the patroon of the colony of Rensselaerswyck, or order, in the quantity of nine hundred and twenty-seven skipples of wheat, growing out of rent due for the farm, on which he dwelt, which sum of 927 skipples of wheat the subscriber promises to pay within the time of eighteen months, to wit, the just third part, being three hundred and nine skipples of wheat, within the time of the next six months, the second payment, also a just third part, within six months thereafter, that is before April 1681, and the third or last payment in October 1681; and if the subscriber fail to make the two last payments, then he shall pay interest on the same at 6 per cent reckoned from April and October 1681; for the full performance of which the subscriber specially binds his land lying behind

<sup>1</sup> By this mark identified with Gerrit Teunissen van Vechten; see *Notarial Papers*, 2:56, 58.

the farm on which he dwelt, according to the patent thereof granted him by his honor Edmond Andross, dated the 29th of September 1677;<sup>1</sup> likewise his house and barn, and the appurtenances thereof, together with his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany without craft or guile, dated as above.

This is the mark X of GERRIT  
TEUNISE, made with his own hand.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Johannes Provoost*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

On this 14th day of July 1683, Madam Maria van Renselaer, as attorney for Mr Steph: van Cortlandt, director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck, acknowledges that she is fully paid for the aforesaid note of indebtedness of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Teunise in the sum of nine hundred and twenty-seven skipples of wheat with the interest thereon; releasing him from all claims from the beginning of the world to this date, which attests,

MARIA VAN RENSSLAER

As witness:  
*J. Becker*

**Bond and mortgage of Geertruy Vosburgh to Maritje Lokermans, widow of Pieter van Alen, and the guardians of the latter's children**

[68] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Corn: van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Geertruy Vosburgh, who declared that she is honestly and truly indebteded and in arrears to Maritje Lokermans, late widow of P<sup>r</sup>. van Ale, deceased, and now wife of Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Ness, and to Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Lawrence van Ale, guardians of the children left by P<sup>r</sup>. van Ale, deceased, in the

<sup>1</sup> This patent was for a piece of upland and swamp lying to the southward of Albany laid out by order of the governor for "Lieutenant Garritt Tunness, in consideration of his severall Services with y<sup>e</sup> Indians, & p'ticularly being Employed and sent out During y<sup>e</sup> late troubles." The land is described as running from the great kill easterly toward the hills 72 rods, which seems to indicate that it was situated on the Normans kill.

sum of nine hundred and twenty guilders in beavers, to be paid in good, merchantable winter wheat, beavers price, growing out of the purchase of the farm at Kinderhoek where she now lives; likewise the sum of one hundred and ten guilders, eight stivers in beavers, to be paid also in wheat as above, for interest due on the aforementioned principal sum; which sum of 920 guilders in beavers and fl. 110; 8 beavers, Geertruy Vosburgh aforesaid promises to pay in the time of two years beginning last February, with interest on the aforesaid principal sum of fl. 920 at 6 per cent, for which she binds and specially mortgages her house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, on the south side of Luycas d' Backer and to the north of the house and lot of the widow of Arent van den Bergh, together with her orchard lying on the Pleyn (Plain) on the road to the old fort, over against the garden of Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Teller, likewise her person and estate, personal and real, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges; moreover Geertruy aforesaid promises to pay all costs of the schout, secretary and court messenger occasioned hereby up to this date. Done in Albany without craft or guile, this 27th of April 1680.

This is the mark X of GEERTRUY  
VOSBURGH, made with her own  
hand.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond of Sander Sandersen Glen and Jacob Sandersen Glen to  
Nicolaes de Meyer, with satisfaction by Lidia de Meyer**

[69] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Sander Sandertse Glen with his brother Jacob Sandertse Glen, both sons of Alexander Glen, who declared themselves to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Mons: Nicolaes d'Meyer, trader at N: York, in the quantity of seventy-two good, merchantable beaver skins, reckoned at eight guilders apiece and which shall weigh five quarter Dutch pounds each, for merchandise received by their father aforesaid, as is to be seen by a mortgage dated the 5th of April 1677, which they jointly and severally agree to pay as their own debt, the subscribers promising to pay the said sum of 72 beavers to said Mons:

D'Meyer or order within the time of six following years, commencing to-day, viz. every year in the month of July a just sixth part, which is twelve beavers, for which they bind their respective persons and estates, real and personal, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, as security for the recovery of the sum (if need be) without costs or loss. Done in Albany, the 30th day of April 1680. N.B The last twelve beavers shall be paid in two payments, viz. six beavers in July 1685 and the last six beavers in July 1686.

SANDER GLEN

JACOB SANDERS GLEN

Testes:

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Johannes Wendel*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

I, the undersigned Madam Lidia d'Meyer, wife of and attorney for my husband Mr Nicolaus d'Meyer, acknowledge and declare that I have received from the widow of Jacob Sanders Glen the final balance of the seventy-two beavers mentioned in the above obligation given by her late husband and Sander Glen, and I release her and her heirs from all further claims.

In witness whereof she has subscribed this with her own hand in Albany, the 6th of August 1686.

LIEDYA D'MEYER

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Assignment by Nicolaes de Meyer to Sander Sandersen Glen and Jacob Sandersen Glen of their father's mortgage**

[70] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Mons. Nicolaes d'Meyer, trader, residing in N: York, who declared that he hereby assigns and makes over to Sander and Jacob Sandertse Glen, sons of Alexander Glenn, his right and title to a certain mortgage or bond<sup>1</sup> in the sum of twenty beavers executed in his favor by their father aforesaid on the 5th of April 1677, whereby his house

<sup>1</sup> *Scheponkennisse*: i. e. a bond or obligation under the hands and seals of two schepens, before whom the debtor appeared.



and lot and land and three slaves were engaged, which bond with the sum therein comprehended is hereby transferred to them, with full power to demand, collect and receive the same at their pleasure, as though the same were executed specially in their favor, hereby renouncing all the right and claim which he, Meyer, has had to this day, in consideration of the fact that Sander and Jacob Sandertse Glen aforesaid have undertaken to pay the same as their own debt, as per obligation executed this day, wherewith he holds himself content, so that they will have to recover the amount from their father by virtue of the aforesaid mortgage, which is hereby delivered to them. In confirmation of which Mons. Meyer aforesaid subscribes this with his own hand, without craft or guile, in the presence of Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Johannes Wendel, called as witnesses hereto. Done in Albany, this 30th of April 1680.

N. D. MEYER

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Johannes Wendel*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

N.B. I, the undersigned, declare that the bond executed by Alexand: Glen on the 5th of April 1677 to me, covers the entire balance of all the accounts, obligations, etc. outstanding between him and me from the beginning; likewise that I have no further claims against said Alex: Glen to the date hereof; releasing him from all claims as far as I am personally concerned. Albany, the 30th of April 1680.

N. D. MEYER

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Johannes Wendel*

**Bond and mortgage of Gerrit Claes, *alias* Culis, to Marten Cregier**

[71] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaehehtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Gerrit Claes,<sup>1</sup> commonly called Culis, who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and

<sup>1</sup> Professor Pearson here supplies "Van Vranken?" Cf. *Early Records of Albany*, 1:80 (note) and also p. 476 of the same volume, where the name is given as "Gerrit Claese Kulernan," which according to the index as well as the original text, *Deeds*, 2:701, should be "Kuleman." In *Proceedings of Justices of the Peace*, 1680-85, p. 658, the name is written as above: "Gerrit Claese Culis."

in arrears to Mr Marte Cryger in the sum of one hundred and thirty guilders, eight stivers in beavers and one hundred and fourteen guilders, five stivers seawan; moreover eighteen skipplles of oats on account of a bull; which aforesaid sums of fl. 130:[8] beavers, fl. 114; 5 seawan and 18 skipplles of oats, the subscriber promises to pay to Mr Cryger aforesaid in the month of January next 1689, without further delay, in good, merchantable winter wheat at market price; therefor binding specially a certain piece of land lying at Canastagioene on the flat (*vlakke*) of Jan Cloet, containing ten morgens, where he now dwells, together with his cattle, to wit, four milch cows, three draught horses, that is two mares and one gelding with two colts, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges.

Done in Albany this 7th of May 1680.

This is the mark X of GER. CLAESE  
CULIS, made with his own hand.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

In my presence,  
Ro: LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from the Indians to Arnout Cornelissen Viele for three flats on the east side of the Hudson river, opposite Danskamer**

[72] On this 15th day of June 1680 the following Highland Indians appeared before Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Shaenhechtady, viz, Kashekan *alias* Calkoen, Waspacheek *alias* Spek and Pillippuwas, owners and proprietors of a certain parcel of land lying on the east side of Hudson's river, over against the Danskamer,<sup>1</sup> having authority from a certain Indian named Awannis who has an interest therein, as is attested by two Sakamakers, who declare that they give and present to Arnout Cornelisse Viele the aforesaid parcel of land as a free gift, consisting of three flats (*vlaktes*) through which a certain kill runs, one flat containing about twenty-five morgens on the north side of the kill and the other two flats lying on the south side containing about

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "the Dance chamber": a cove in the north part of the town of Newburgh.

twelve morgens each, together with the kill named Wynachkee on which the land lies, stretching from the river to the second falls called Matapan, being about three English miles in length; likewise the woodland thereto belonging for a range for cattle or otherwise, about two English miles northward and an English mile southward from said land, along the river side, and landward as far as the second falls hereinbefore specified; together with two little kills, one lying in the woodland to the north called Pakakeincq which runs into the river, and the other also to the south,<sup>1</sup> being a little kill which flows into the great kill; which aforesaid parcels of land with the kills, falls, woodland and appurtenances thereof the rightful owners aforesaid grant, convey and make over to and for the behoof of Aernout Corn: Viele, with all the privileges, rights and prerogatives thereof, without their making any further claim whatever thereto, acknowledging that they have given the same out of divers considerations as a free gift to the aforesaid Aernout, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all claims and demands, whether from Indians or Christians, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner. Thus done and delivered in Albany, being interpreted by Gabriel Thomson on the date above written, which they with their own hands have subscribed.

This the mark X of CALKOEN, made  
with his own hand.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Johannes Provoost*

This is the mark X of SPEK, made  
with his own hand.

This is the mark X of PILLIPUWAS.

This is the mark X of  
*Unannamafake* as witness,  
being Sakamaker  
of the Highland, made  
with his own hand.

This is the mark X of  
*Paquetarent*, made  
with his own hand.

*Gabriell Tomasen*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON

<sup>1</sup> *d'andere mede ten Zuyden.*

**Contract between Robert Sanders and Johannes Wendel for the sale of Sanders's farm on the east side of the Hudson river**

[73] On this 28th day of June 1680 appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schauenhechtady, in presence of the afternamed witnesses, Robert Sanders of the one side and Johannes Wendell of the other side, who declared that in love and friendship they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of his, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Sander's, farm lying on the east side of Hudson's river, obliquely over against the farm of Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Shayk, commonly called Steen Arabia,<sup>1</sup> viz:

First, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders acknowledges that he has sold and Johannes Wendel that he has bought of him the aforesaid farm with all its appurtenances, as well arable land, woodland as meadow land (*vleylant*), and also Walvissen Island,<sup>2</sup> together with the fences, house, barn, ricks, orchard, horses, cattle, hogs, farm implements, household furniture and all that is fast by earth or nail, belonging to him, Ro: Sanders, the seller, in particular, it being well understood that whatever the present lessee has there does not belong thereto, he, Ro: Sanders, having sold only his own entire interest in the farm which he has by virtue of the conveyance and patent thereof.

The seller shall deliver the aforesaid farm to the buyer on the first of July of this year 1680 and on the last payment make a perfect conveyance and deliver up the patent thereof, with the understanding that the seller shall receive the rent for this current year to May 1681.

For which farm and its appurtenances the aforesaid Johannes Wendel promises to pay to the aforementioned Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders the number of three hundred good, merchantable beaver skins, in three payments, to wit, the first payment, a just third part, being one hundred beavers, on the first of July 1681, the second payment, a just third part, being one hundred beavers, on the first of July 1682, and the third or last payment, likewise one hundred beavers, on the first of July 1683. Wherewith the contracting parties acknowledge themselves to be content, binding herefor their respective persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany in presence

<sup>1</sup> Stone Arabia.

<sup>2</sup> Walvisch, or Whale island; see p. 27.

of Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Meyndt Harmense as witnesses hereto called, the 28th of June 1680.

ROBERT SANDERSZ  
JOHANNES WENDEL

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Meyndert Harmensz*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Jan Salomonsen for a lot in Albany**

[74] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Jan Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jan Salomonsen<sup>1</sup> a certain lot lying here in Albany, bounded south and east by Annetje Everts, north by Roeloff Gerritse, formerly Jacques Tysen, and west the street, breadth in front on the street thirty wood feet and length to the lot of Annetje Everts formerly belonging to Mr Renselaer, where the mill stood; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted him by the late Governor Richard Nicolls, of date the 11th of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right, without his making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan Salomonsen, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 2d of July 1680.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

JOHANNES CLUTE

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> Jan Salomonsen Goewey.

<sup>2</sup> The record of this patent seems to be missing

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Omy La Grange for the remainder of lot No. 9 in Albany**

[75] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schænenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Johan Cloete, who declared that he had granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Omy La Grangie a certain small parcel of land lying here in Albany on the hill, being the remainder of lot No. 9 which was conveyed to Jan Cloet aforesaid by Ryer Jacobse Shermerhooren, there having been conveyed out of the same to Jurian Groenwout as much as the width of his house with a drip on both sides, the house being one board in width, so that to Omy is conveyed the remainder of the width of the lot aforesaid and thirty-six wood feet in length, on which lot a part of Omy's new house stands; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance granted to him by Ryer Jacobse Shermerhooren, of date the 19th of April 1680, and that free and unincumbered without any charges resting on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Omy La Grangie, his heirs and successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid small piece of land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto, binding himself as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 2d July 1680.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

JOHANNES CLUTE

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Contract between Jan Conell and William Loveridge for the sale of a farm in Catskill formerly belonging to Harmen Gansevoort**

[76] On this 20th day of July 1680 appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk, etc., in presence of the afternamed witnesses, Jan Conel of the one side and

W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge, batter, of the other side, who declared that they had in love and friendship agreed and contracted in respect to the purchase of his, Jan Conell's, farm lying in Catskill, which formerly belonged to Harme Gansevoort, in the manner following :

First, Jan Conel acknowledges that he has sold and W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge, senior, that he has bought of him his, Jan Conell's, farm lying at Catskill, with all the appurtenances thereof as he bought the same from Harme Gansevoort, with arable land, woodland, fencing, house, barn, ricks, seven horses, four cows, two young cattle and the calves there, hogs, farm tools and everything that belongs to Jan Conel in particular, nothing excepted, save his household furniture.

The seller made delivery of said farm with all his interest therein to the buyer last Thursday, excepting the grain now in field which does not belong to him but to his father-in-law, the lessee, who is bound to leave thirty skipples of good winter wheat in the ground after harvest ; the seller is holden on the last payment to give a perfect conveyance and to deliver over therewith the patent.

For which farm and the appurtenances thereof the aforementioned W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge promises to pay to the aforementioned Jan Conell the number of three hundred good, merchantable beaver skins, and a beaver hat, in the following manner, to wit, to Harme Gansevoort all the pay which is still coming to him from the seller on account of the aforesaid farm and to Geertney Barents thirteen beavers and the remainder of the three hundred beavers at once in goods to his satisfaction. Wherewith the contracting parties are mutually content, binding their respective persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges.

Done in Albany, this 27th of July 1680.

Testes :

*Isaack Verplancken*

*Christopher Skayffe*

JOHN CONELL

WILL: LOVERIDGE

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Samuel Wilson to Harmen Gansevoort for a lot in  
Albany behind Wilson's house**

[77] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the afternamed magistrates, Mr And<sup>t</sup>. Teller and Mr Corn: van Dyk, the worthy Mr Sam<sup>l</sup>. Wilson, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Harme Gansevoort, brewer, a certain portion of a lot lying behind his, Wilson's, house, being the hindmost portion of his lot, bounded westerly by him, the grantor, easterly by the high way, northerly by the aforesaid Ghansevoort and southerly by Jan van Loon; in breadth east and west twenty-three feet, and in length on the south side eight rods, four feet and a half and on the north eight rods and four feet, Rhineland measure, likewise Mr Wilson grants said Harme Gansevoort three and a half feet on the north side of his lot for a gate, in breadth and length  $3\frac{1}{4}$  feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Mr And<sup>t</sup>. Teller, dated the 9th of June 1677,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Harme Gansevoort to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he might do with his patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 2d of August 1680.

Cornelis van Dyck  
A. Teller

SAMUEL WILSON

Acknowledged before me,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, I:155. The term *dwaars huys* quoted in that and preceding deeds would seem to imply that the house of Jurian Jansz Groenwout was of the farmhouse type and had the shape of a T, the barn or stable in the rear being set at right angles to the front of the house. See J. H. Gallee, *Het boerenhuis in Nederland en zijn bewoners*, p. 59.



Deed from Volkert Jansen Douw to Gerrit Banker for a lot on  
the south side of the Fuyck kill

[78] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Volkert Janse Dow,<sup>1</sup> who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Gerrit Banker a certain lot lying here in Albany on the south side of the Fuyckse kill,<sup>2</sup> behind the lot of said Banker, being in breadth, in front, four rods and two feet and in the rear, on the common road, four rods; in length on the east and west eight rods and further to the Fuyckse kill of the same breadth, leaving a common road between both lots as wide as the magistrates shall see fit; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, dated the 4th of May 1667,<sup>3</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he has been fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Gerrit Banker to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances as is right and further nevermore to do or cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 11th of August 1680.

Corn. van Dyck  
A. Teller

VOLKERT JANSZ DOW

In my presence,  
Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> Volkert Jansen Douw is given in Pearson, *Early Settlers of Albany*, p. 43, as from Frederickstadt, and in Talcott, *Genealogical Notes of New York and New England Families*, p. 64, as from Leeuwarden. In the record of a commission as lieutenant granted to him November 1, 1667 (*Patents, 1664-1667*, p. 109, New York State Library) he is called "Volchert Jans van Stapelholme." Stapelholm is the name of the district east of Friedrichstadt on the Eider, in Schleswig, so that Pearson is right. Volkert Jansen married Dorothea Jans, from Bredstedt, likewise in Schleswig. For history of Friedrichstadt, see F. Pont, *Friedrichstadt an der Eider*, 1913.

<sup>2</sup> The same as the Fuyck kill or Rutten kill.

<sup>3</sup> This was a confirmation of the Dutch patent of April 23, 1652, "for a certain Lott of Ground lying in Beverwick at Albany abutting to the north

**Deed from Major Abraham Staets to Teunis Cornelissen and  
Harmen Lievese for a house and lot in Albany**

[79] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Kenselaerswyk, and in the presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of said jurisdiction, the Honorable Major Abraham Staets, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Teunis Cornelise *d'metslaer* (mason) and Harmen Lievese a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, abutting to the east on the common lane at Capt. S[c]huyler's, to the west on Mr Rich: Pretyt, to the north on the Lutheran churchyard, and to the south on the public street;<sup>1</sup> in breadth, front and rear, twenty-eight feet and seven inches, in length on the east ninety-two feet and four inches, on the west one hundred and three feet and a half, all Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace, of date the 30th of August 1671, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore full power to the aforesaid Teunis Cornelise, mason, and Harmen Lievese, or their heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as they might do with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do or cause to

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to the Creeke or Kill called the ffnycke Kill, to the south on the Common Highway, to the west the Hills, and to the East Anthony de Hooges. As also a Garden lying to the north of Herman Bastiaensen, & to the South of W<sup>m</sup>. Bout stretching from the waggonway to the path by the River, containing in length eleaven Rod and in breadth four Rod & two foot."

<sup>1</sup>"*belendende ten oosten d'gemene gang by Capt Shuyler ten westen m<sup>r</sup> Rich: Pretty, ten noorden d'Luyterse kerkhoff & ten suyden 's heeren Straet.*" This description is wrong and should read: *ten suyden d'Luyterse kerkhoff & ten noorden 's heeren Straet*, bounded on the south by the Lutheran churchyard and on the north by the street. The property was located on the southwest corner of State and Pearl streets, the common lane by Captain Schuyler's referring to what is now South Pearl street, which was widened at different times. Abraham Staets also owned the lot on the southeast corner of State and Pearl streets, which extended in the rear across the present Norton street, as is still indicated by the peculiar jog in the sidewalk on the south side of that street. Somewhere in the lane, between the two pieces of property Captain Schuyler had a small Indian trading house. The patent of August 30, 1671, mentioned in the deed, is not of record.

be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided.

Done in Albany, on the 11th of July 1680.

ABRAM STAAS

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*A. Teller*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond of Symon Schouten to Geertruy Barents for purchase  
money of horses and farm tools**

[80] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Symon Schouten, who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Geertruy Barents, wife of Lange Jacob,<sup>1</sup> in the quantity of twenty-two good, whole, merchantable beaver skins, reckoned at eight guilders apiece, being for horses and farm tools, which he to his content has received from her; which sum of 22 beavers the subscriber promises to pay to Geertruy Barents, or her attorney, in the month of February *Anno Domini* 16 80; for which payment he specially binds his six horses, viz. two stallions and four mares, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges.

Done in Albany, on this 16th of August 1680.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*A. Teller*

The mark X of SYMON SHOUTE, made  
with his own hand.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Geertruy Barents, attorney for her husband Jacob  
Hevick, to Sweer Teunissen van Velsen for a house, barn and  
five lots of land on Lubberde land**

[81-82 wanting; 83] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr And<sup>r</sup>. Teller and Mr Dirk

<sup>1</sup>Long, or tall Jacob, referring to Jacob Hevick, or Gevick; see next document and *Early Records of Albany*, 1:304.

Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Geertruy Barents, having power of attorney from her husband Jacob Hevick, who declared that she granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Sweer Teunise van Velsen<sup>1</sup> her house and barn together with five lots (*Looten*) of land lying on Lubberde land,<sup>2</sup> as the same lie fenced, and as she has possessed the same, lying northwardly of the lot of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Swart and to the south of the lot of Ysbrant Eldersen; in breadth on the river side twenty-six rods and three feet and on the west [east ?] side of the same breadth and in length from the river to the wagon road; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance granted to her by Dirk Hesselings<sup>3</sup> and him, Sweer Teunise, etc., to which reference is herein made; all which she does in accordance with her contract made under date of the 5th of December 1679 [stipulating] that he, Sweer Teunise, would properly provide her husband Jacob Hevick with food and clothing so long as he lives and then honorably bury him; in consideration whereof the lots of land and house, etc. are transferred to him free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without her, the grantor's, making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging herself to be paid and satisfied therefor (in consideration aforesaid), the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam*, and full power to the aforementioned Sweer Teunise van Velsen, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the said house, barn and five lots of land as he might do with his patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 1st of September 1680.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*A. Teller*

The mark X of GEERTRUY BARENTS,  
made with her own hand.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup>In *Notarial Papers*, 1:435, he is called Sweer Teunissen van Westbroeck. He probably came from what is known as Velsler-Westbroeck, the western part of the polder Velslerbroeck, north of Haarlem, in the province of North Holland.

<sup>2</sup>Now part of Troy, N. Y.

<sup>3</sup>See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:118. The agreement with Van Velsen, September 5, 1679, is apparently not recorded.

**Deed from Ludovicus Cobes to David Schuyler for a house and lot on the hill in Albany**

[84] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady and in presence of the Honorable Mr And: Teller and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Ludovicus Cobes, schout of S haenhechtady, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of P<sup>r</sup>. Davitse Schuyler his house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, bounded easterly by Jan Jause Ouderkerk, and westerly by Jeronimus Wendel, northerly by Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh and southerly by the street: in breadth in front on the street one rod and nine feet, in which is included the half of a common alley; in the rear one rod ten and a half feet: length easterly and westerly six rods less three inches; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of conveyance given to him by Capt. Johan Cloete, of date the 8th of May 1670,<sup>1</sup> being a part of what is described in a patent granted to Capt. J. Cloet by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, of date the 1st of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid P<sup>r</sup>. Davitse Schuyler to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 25th of August 1680.

LUDOVICUS COBES

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*A. Teller*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> See p. 26. The house stood on the north side of State street apparently between North Pearl and James streets.

<sup>2</sup> There is no record of this patent. The date may be a mistake for the 11th of April 1667: see p. 87.

**Deed from Dirck Wesselsen and Gerrit Teunissen van Vechten to Dirck Hendricksen Bye for a piece of land on Kinderhook creek**

[85] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Ger<sup>t</sup>. Teunisse who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Dirk Heyndrix Bye *alias* d'Sweedt<sup>1</sup> a certain little piece of land or flat (*vlaktenje*) lying on the Kinderhoek kill, next the flat which P<sup>r</sup>. Vosburgh bought of said grantors, lying on the west side of said kill; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the patent granted to them by the Honorable Sir Edmond Andross, knight, governor general, of date the 15th of April 1680, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantors' making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Dirk Heyndrix Bye to do with and dispose of the aforesaid little flat as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law, and further nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 13th of December 1680.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Joh: Provoost*

DIRCK WESSELSZ

The mark X of GERRIT TEUNISSE  
VAN VECHTEN, made with his own  
hand.

In my presence,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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<sup>1</sup>Dirck Hendricksen Bye, the Swede.

**Deed from Andries Hansen Huygh to Dirck Hendricksen Bye  
for land at Kinderhook**

[86] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhe litady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Andries Hanse Huyg, who declared that he grants, conveys, and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Dirk Heyndrix Bye a certain piece of land lying on the north side of the Kinderhook kill, bounded easterly by land of said grantor and westerly by a little kill that comes out of the woods, northerly by the common woods and southerly by the Kinderhoek kill, which piece of land contains about ten morgens: in like manner he conveys to said Dirk Heyndrix four morgens of woodland lying to the north of their homesteads, which is a just third part of twelve morgens of woodland, the other two-thirds of which belong to him, Andries Hanse and P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Jan Heyndrik Bruyn, of date the 8th of July 1679, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Dirk Heyndrix Bye to do with and dispose of the aforesaid two parcels of land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided. Done in Albany on the 13th of December 1680.

*Cornelis Van Dyck*  
*Joh: Provoost*

The mark X of ANDRIES HANSE,  
made with his own hand.

In my presence,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Andries Hansen Huygh to Andries Jacobsen Gardener for land at Kinderhook**

[87] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady and in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Andries Hanse Huyg, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Andries Jacobse Gardinier, a certain parcel of land lying on the north side of the Kinderhoek kill, west of the clay pit, stretching east and west along the great kill within the thicket to between the pine woods and the oak woods, his lowermost fence extending to the great kill,<sup>1</sup> which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Jan Heyndrik Bruyn under date of the 8th of July 1679, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Andries Jacobse Gardinier, his heirs, successors, or assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid parcel of land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law, and further nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 13th of December 1680.

*Cornelis vanDyck*

*Joh: Provoost*

The mark X of AND<sup>r</sup>. HANSE, made with his own hand.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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<sup>1</sup> *ten westen van d'Cluy Cuyt streckende oost & west langs d'grootte kill binnen d'Creupelboss, tot tuschen 't groene Boss & d'Eyke boss zyn benedenste heyning streckende tot in d'grootte kill.*



**Bond and mortgage of Elizabeth de Linde, widow of Cornelis Teunissen Swart, to the deacons of the Reformed Church at Albany, with discharge of the bond**

[88] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Elisabeth d'Linde, widow of the late Cornelise Teunise Swart, who declared herself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to the honorable diaconate of the Reformed Church here in this town in the sum of four hundred and fifty-four guilders, seawan, for money loaned and to her content received, which sum of 454 gl. seawan she promises to pay to the said diaconate at the first opportunity, whereto she specially binds her land lying at Shinnechtady, being lot N<sup>o</sup>. 10 between Symon d'Backer and Jan van Eps, and generally her person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany on the 3d of January 1684.

ELISEBETH DELENDT

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

The foregoing obligation is thankfully paid by Jacob Meuse Vromen in heavy pieces of 8. agio at 9½ per cent, to our full satisfaction. Witness our hands, in Albany, this 2d of February 1683.

DEACON, PIETER SCHUYLER

DEACON, ALBERT RYCKMAN

**Deed from William Parker to Jan Conell for a lot at Albany on the hill**

[89] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhechtade, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jan Conell, burgher of this place, a certain lot lying here in Albany on the hill, between the house of Mr Dirk Wessells and the house of Dirk Albertse and Arent van den Bergh, deceased, now in possession of John Gilbert, on which lot he, John Conell, has built a house: in breadth in front on the street eighteen feet, one inch, to the south bounded by Arent

van den Bergh five rods and one foot long, to the north on Dirk Wessells five rods and one foot long, and to the west bounded by R: Gardiner eighteen feet broad, all Rhineland measure: which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by W<sup>m</sup>. Nottingham, deceased, of Kingston, of date the 6th of April 1679, to which reference is herein made, being a part of lot N<sup>o</sup>. 9 granted by the late Governor General R: Nicolls to said Nottingham;<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges resting on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan Conel to do with and dispose of the said lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and possessions, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do or cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 11th of January 1681.

WM: PARKER

#### Deed from William Parker to Dirck Wesselsen and Jacob Sandersen Glen for a lot at Albany on the hill

[90] Appeared before me, Rot. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, court messenger here, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Dirk Wessells and Jacob Sandersen Glen a certain portion of a lot lying in Albany on the hill, bounded south by Jan Conell, north by Wynant Gerritse, west by R: Garner and east by the street; breadth in front on the street eighteen feet and one inch, in the rear eighteen feet, length on the south side five rods and one foot, and on north five

<sup>1</sup> This patent reads as follows: "Richard Nicolls Esq &c: Whereas there are certain new Lotts of Ground lately layd out at Albany uppermost towards the Hills of which the Lott N<sup>o</sup>: 9 conteyns in breadth forty five foot and in length six Rod. Know ye that by virtue of the Commission unto mee given by his R: H<sup>s</sup>: I have given, & graunted, & by these p<sup>nts</sup> doe give, Ratifye, confirme, & graunt unto W<sup>m</sup>: Nottingham his Heires, & Assignes th'afore recited Lott of Ground N<sup>o</sup>: 9 afores<sup>d</sup>. The Patent is dated the 30th day of May 1667." The lot was on the west side of North Pearl street, north of Maiden Lane.

rods and one foot, all Rhineland measure: which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by W<sup>m</sup>. Nottingham of Kingston, of date the 6th of April 1679, to which reference is herein made, being a part of lot N<sup>o</sup>. 9 by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls granted by patent to said Nottingham, under date of the 30th of May 1667,<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Mr Dirk Wessells and Jacob Sanderse Glen, their heirs, successors, or assigns, to do with and dispose of the same as they might do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 11th of January 1681.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Johannes Provoost*

WM: PARKER

**Deed from Jan Conell to Andries Teller for a lot at Albany on the hill**

[91] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, John Conell, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller, burgher of this town, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, between the house of Mr Dirk Wessells and the house of Dirk Albertse Bratt and Arent van den Bergh, deceased, being in breadth in front on the street eighteen feet and one inch, southerly bounded by Arent van Den Bergh, deceased, in length five rods and one foot, and westerly eighteen feet in breadth, bounded by Rob: Gardinier, all Rhineland measure: which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him, by W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, of date the 11th of January 1681<sup>o</sup>, to which reference is herein made, being a part of lot

<sup>1</sup> See note to preceding document.

N<sup>o</sup>. 9 granted by the late General Rich: Nicolls to W<sup>m</sup>. Nottingham;<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantors making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Mr Andries Teller to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 7th of February 1684.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Johannes Provoost*

JOHN CONELL

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Hendrick Gerritsen van der Meulen to Pieter Meussen Vrooman for a house and lot in Albany**

[92] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenbechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the said jurisdiction, Hendrick Gerritse van d<sup>r</sup>. Muele, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of P<sup>r</sup>. Meuse Vrooman,<sup>2</sup> master carpenter, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany over against the house of Willem Ketelhuysse, with all that is fast by earth and nail, abutting on the north [side] of the lot of Jacob Staes, on the south [side] of the house of Jannetie Pauls, on the west [side] of the lot of Jacob van Noorstrant and on the east [side] of the street,<sup>3</sup> being in breadth in front on the street

<sup>1</sup> See note on p. 100.

<sup>2</sup> Pieter, the son of "Meus" (Bartholomeus) Vrooman.

<sup>3</sup> The Dutch description reads: *beloënde ten noorden van het Erf van Jacob Staes, & ten syden van't huys van Jannetie Pauls, & ten westen van't Erf van Jacob van Noorstrant en ten Oosten van's heere tract*, which Professor Pearson, disregarding the proposition *van*, translates: "bounded northerly by the lot of Jacob Staes southerly by the house of Jannetie Pauls, westerly by the lot of Jacob van Noorstrant and easterly by the street." On comparing this description, however, with that in the deed from Jacob Jansen van Noorstrant, 13 Jan. 1673, to which the present deed refers, it seems evident that the lot was on the east side of what is now South Pearl street, so that the translation should read "abutting on the north [side] of the lot of Jacob Staes, etc." as in the text

fourteen feet and four inches and in the rear fourteen feet, in length fifty-three feet, all Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Jacob Janse van Noorstrant, of date the 13th of January 1678, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Pr. Meuse, his heirs, successors, or assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, this 8th of February 168.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

By order of HEND: GERRITSE VAN D<sup>r</sup>  
MEULE who gave me authority to write  
the above conveyance.

ROBT. LIVINGSTON

**Deed from Pieter Meussen Vrooman to Robert Gardiner for a  
house and lot in Albany described in preceding deed**

[93] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenbechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornel: van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Pieter Meuse Vroman, master carpenter, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Robt. Gardiner, soldier of the garrison here, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, over against the house of W<sup>m</sup>. Ketellnyse, bounded by and to the north of the lot of Jacob Staets, south of the house of Jannetie Pauls, west of the lot of Jacob van Noorstrant and east of the street, being in breadth in front on the street fourteen feet and four inches and in the rear fourteen feet and in length fifty-three feet, all Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Hendrik Gerritse van der Meule, of date the 8th of February Anno 168, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any

charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Robert Gardiner, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 14th of February 1689.

PIETER MEESEN VROOMAN

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Robert Gardiner to the administrators of the estate of James Penniman for a house and lot described in preceding deed**

[94] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Gardiner, soldier of the garrison of this town, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of the constables of Albany, in their capacity as curators of the estate of James Penniman, deceased, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, over against the house of W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelhuyse, bounded by and to the north of the lot of Jacob Staas, south the house of Jannetie Pawles, west of the lot of Jacob Janse van Noorstrant and east of the street, being in breadth in front on the street 14 feet four inches, and in the rear fourteen feet, and in length fifty-three feet, all Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Pieter Meuse Vrooman, master carpenter, of date the 14th of February 1689, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied there-

for, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the curators of said estate of James Penniman, deceased, to do with and dispose of the said house and lot as they might do with any other goods and effects belonging to said estate, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 15th of February 1687.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

ROBERT GARDNER

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from the administrators of the estate of James Penniman to Jean Rosie for a house and lot described in preceding deed**

[95] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaenhectady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the constables of Albany in the capacity of curators of the estate of James Penniman, deceased, who declared that by virtue of letters of administration to them granted by the court, they grant, convey, and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jean Rosie, burgher of this town, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany upon the street where W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelhuyse now dwells, bounded by and to the north of the lot of Jacob Staes, south of the house of Jannetie Pauls, west of the lot of Jacob Jansen van Noorstrant and east of the street, being in breadth in front on the street fourteen feet four inches and in the rear fourteen feet, and in length fifty-three feet, all Rhineland measure; which they, the aforementioned grantors, in the capacity aforesaid, do by virtue of the conveyance given to them by Robert Gardiner, of date the 15th of February 1687, to which reference is herein made: and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantors' making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jean Rosie, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial

estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 10th of February 1684<sup>o</sup>.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JOHANNES WENDEL  
JACOB SANDI GLEN  
GERRET LANSINCK

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

[96] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhectadie, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Robert Gardiner, soldier of the garrison in this town, a certain portion of a lot lying here in Albany on the hill, behind the house of the grantee, abutting on the west [side] of the house of And<sup>r</sup>. Teller, the house of D<sup>r</sup>Wessells and Jacob Sanders, and the house of Jan Gilbert, on the east of said R: Gardiner, on the north of Dirk Albertse Bratt, and on the south of the town fence; <sup>1</sup> in length, east and west eleven feet and in breadth south and north forty-five feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by W<sup>m</sup>. Nottingham, of date the 6th of April 1670, being a part of lot N<sup>o</sup>. 6 granted by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls to said Nottingham, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least

<sup>1</sup>The Dutch description reads: *Belandende ten westen van't huys van And<sup>r</sup>. Teller, etc.*, which as in many similar cases, with disregard of the preposition *van*, was translated by Professor Pearson as "bounded west by the house of And<sup>r</sup>. Teller," etc. The reference to the patent to William Nottingham (see p. 100, note) seems to make it clear, however, that the lot was located somewhere to the west of the present North Pearl street, so that it could not be bounded south by the town fence, but must have been on the south of said fence, hence, that the preposition *van* must be duly taken into account and the translation made to read as above. It is no doubt due to mistakes of this kind that Professor Pearson in the preface to his Diagrams, in Munsell's *C. Records*, 4:184, was forced to make the statement that there were several gaps in Broadway "which no ingenuity of the compiler could fill, and several lots will be found so imperfectly described in the records, that he has to confess his inability to locate them."



thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned R: Gardiner to do with and dispose of the aforesaid portion of a lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 14th of February 1687.

*Cornelis van Dyck*

WM: PARKER

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Quittance of the children of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick by his first wife Geertje Brants for their portions of their father's estate**

[97] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Geertje van Schayk, wife of Johannes Lansingh, Sybrant van Schayk and Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schayk, children of Goose Gerritse, deceased, procreated by his first wife Geertje Brants, who declared that they were fully paid and satisfied by the hand of Annetje van Schayk, widow of the late Goose Gerritse van Shayk, for their patrimonial or father's estate, having in consideration of said paternal inheritance received payment for the farm sold to Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Shayk aforesaid, which was sold for five hundred and fifty beavers, of which the widow aforesaid takes one hundred beavers, the three children by the first wife aforesaid having received the remaining four hundred and fifty beavers, or each one hundred and fifty beavers for his share, wherewith they consider themselves fully satisfied for their aforesaid claims upon their father's estate (having formerly received their mother's estate): releasing the aforesaid widow, Annetje van Schayk, her heirs and successors from all claims and demands on account of their father's and mother's estates, renouncing all interest therein and acknowledging that they have received full payment and satisfaction to their perfect content from Annetje van Shayk aforesaid and promising and engaging hereby not to trouble either the said Annetje van

Schayk, or her heirs or assigns, in respect to their father's and mother's estates, for which they bind their persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany, on the 3d of March 1687<sup>o</sup>.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Joh: Provoost*

GEERTIEN LANSIN  
SYBRANT VAN SCHAICK  
ANTONY VAN SCHAICK

In my presence,  
ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Annetje, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick to Anthony van Schaick (incomplete)**

[98] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in the presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Annetie van Schayk, widow of the late Goose Gerritse van Schayk, deceased, who declared that she grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Anthonie van Schayk, son by the first wife of Goose Gerritse, deceased, aforementioned, three parcels of land described in a certain patent . . . [the rest wanting].

**Contract of sale between Anthony van Schaick and Sybrant van Schaic and Pieter Schuyler for land at Half Moon**

[99] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the afternamed witnesses, Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schayk of the one side and Sybrant van Schayk and P<sup>r</sup>. Phillipse Schuyler of the other side who declared that in all love and friendship they had contracted and agreed with each other in manner following, viz:

Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schayk acknowledges that he has sold, and Sybrant van Schayk and P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler aforesaid that they have bought of said Anth<sup>o</sup>. a parcel of meadow land (*nylve Lants*) lying in the Halve Maen,<sup>1</sup> between the kill which separates the lands of Jan Jacobse<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Half Moon, in Saratoga county, about 15 miles north of Albany.

<sup>2</sup> Jan Jacobsen van Noortstrand; see contract of sale between him and Annetie Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:176-57.

and Roeloff Gerritse<sup>1</sup> and the Modder kill,<sup>2</sup> having to the west the common woods and to the east the fence of Jan van Ness, Harme Lievese, Barent Albertse Bratt and Geurt Hendrix;<sup>3</sup> together with the woodland lying between the two aforementioned kills for a range for their cattle and that of other persons dwelling there and also free range for their cattle in the woods westwards and northwards; always with this stipulation and reservation that the aforementioned Jan van Ness, Harme Lievese, Barent Albertse Bratt and Geurt Heyndrickse shall have free range in the woods for their cattle, according to their contract of purchase [of the land] sold to them by Anetic Lievens, widow of Goose Gerritse, deceased, so that they, the purchasers, can claim no more than what lies between the two aforesaid kills (with the range for cattle); for which marsh land and privileges aforementioned Zybrant van Schayk and Pieter Schuyler, promise to pay to Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Shayk the quantity of seventy-five good, whole, merchantable beavers skins, to be paid within the two next following years from this date; wherewith the contracting parties acknowledge themselves to be well satisfied, binding for the performance hereof their respective persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany, on the 3d of March 1681.

ANTONY VAN SCHAICK

SYBRANT VAN SCHAICK

PIETER SCHUYLER

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Cornelis van Dyck, attorney for Nicolaes de Meyer,  
to Philip de Forest for a house and lot in Albany**

[100] Appeared before me Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr Cornelis van Dyk, in the capacity of attorney for Capt. Nicolaus d' Meyer, trader at N: York, who declared that by order of the aforementioned D' Meyer, he grants, conveys and makes over to and for the behoof of Phillip d' Vooreest<sup>4</sup> a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, on the slope of

<sup>1</sup> Roeloff Gerritsen van der Werken, according to Professor Pearson.

<sup>2</sup> *Modder kill*: literally Mud kill, now called Mudder kill, between the towns of Waterford and Half Moon.

<sup>3</sup> Geurt Hendricksen van Schoonhoven.

<sup>4</sup> The same as Philip de Forest, or de Forest.

the hill (*acn't hangen van't Geberghte*) between the houses of Mr Abr: van Tricht and Johannes Witthart, with all that thereon is fast by earth and nail, in length to the lot of Isaac Verplanck, formerly belonging to Capt. Baker and in breadth as it was built upon on the south side, according to the contract of sale and conveyance from the magistrates here to J: Coster van Aken of date the  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup> th July 1667;<sup>1</sup> besides a foot and a half toward the west side of a common alley of three feet next to Abr: van Tricht and on the north side half as wide as it was bought of the magistrates, inasmuch as the remaining width and length thereof was sold by Jan Coster to W<sup>m</sup>. Teller and is now possessed by Van Tricht, and furthermore in every way and shape as it was possessed by Dirk Hesselingsh, which said house and lot he bought from Jan van Ake, as shown by contract of sale of  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup> June 1668, but said Dirk Hesselings failing in payment, Jan Coster van Ake conveyed the title to Mr Nicolaas d'Meyer, as is set forth more at large in the instrument executed at Utrecht on the 28th of March 1672 and also in that of the 13th of August 1671, both written by the notary public Nicolaes van Vechten; besides Dirk Hesselings has annulled the purchase of the aforesaid house, renouncing his claim thereto as per instrument thereof dated the 24th of December 1678. Therefore, Mr Cornelis van Dyk, in the capacity aforesaid, conveys the said house and lot to the aforesaid Phillip de Foreest, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without his (in the capacity aforesaid) making any claims thereto, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Phillip de Foreest to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising (in the capacity aforesaid) nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 3d of March 168<sup>o</sup>.

CORNELIS VAN DYCK

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jans Bleecker*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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<sup>1</sup> Neither this contract of sale, nor that of  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup> June 1668, seems to be recorded.

**Bond and mortgage of Philip de Forest to Nicolaes de Meyer**

[101] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Philip d' Forest, master cooper, burgher of this town, who declared that he was honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Mr Nicolaes d' Meyer, trader at N: York, in the quantity of ninety-four good, whole beavers at eight guilders apiece, being for a house and lot bought of said D' Meyer standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, where the subscriber dwells; which sum of ninety-four beavers the subscriber promises to pay to Mr d' Meyer or to his attorney, Mr Cornelis van Dyk, who now makes requisition for this paper, or their order, in manner following: a just third part the middle of August next, a just third part the middle of August a year thereafter and the last third part the middle of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1683, on the express condition that the buyer each time payment is due must promptly pay off ten beavers in good merchantable winter wheat at six skipples a beaver, to be delivered free in Albany, or in good merchantable Long Island winter wheat at five skipples a beaver to be delivered free in N: York, the beavers also to be delivered here; for which payment of ninety-four beavers as above provided the subscriber hereby gives a mortgage on the aforesaid house and lot to him conveyed yesterday, binding the same specially for said payment to said Mr Nic: d' Meyer, his heirs and successors, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, to secure the payment without loss or cost. Done in Albany without craft or guile, this 4th of March A<sup>o</sup>. Dom: 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

PHILIP DE FOREEST

*Johannes Provoost*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Geertruy Hieronimus, widow of Jochim Wessels, baker, to the constables, administrators of the estate of James Penniman, for a house and lot in Albany**

[102] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerwyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Geertruy Hieronimus, widow

of the late Joehim Wessels Becker,<sup>1</sup> administratrix of the latter's estate, who declared that she grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of the constables of this town, in the capacity of administrators of the estate of the late James Penniman, a certain house and lot, standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, abutting on the north [side] of the house of Dirk Alberse Bratt, on the south of the town fence, on the east the street and on the west a certain parcel of land conveyed by W<sup>m</sup>. Parker to R<sup>s</sup>. Gardiner, the present possessor of the said house;<sup>2</sup> being in length on the south and north sides three rods and two feet, breadth in front and rear twenty-one feet and a half, which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to her deceased husband by Sir Edmond Andross, knight, governor general, of date the 7th of July 1670, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging herself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor by the hands of James Penniman, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the constables in their capacity aforesaid to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as they might do with any other property of said estate, they paying such charges and taxes upon said house and lot as have already been imposed by the governor in his patent or as may be imposed by any other governor who may come after him, promising further nevermore to do or cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 8th of March 1681.

The mark X of GEERTRUY HERONIMUS,  
*clerk of the Court*                      made with her own hand.

*Joehim Wessels*

In my presence,

RO. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> Was in the original granted for Joehim Wessels Becker, i.e., Joehim Wesselsen, the text.

<sup>2</sup> The original description reads: *Belendende ten noorden van't huys van Jans Penniman, staende in 's wester van staets heynningen, & ten oosten van 's wester van staets heynningen, op een gade, lants veringebontent door W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, van nu toe, gaardinge, tusschen vordige possesseur van demelden huys.* Professor Pearson translates this in his usual way "bounded northerly by the house of Dirk Alberse Bratt and on the south by the town fence, on the east by the street and on the west by a certain part of lot conveyed to R<sup>s</sup>. Gardiner (its present possessor) by W<sup>m</sup>. Parker." The latter part of this translation is correct as the lot was on the west side of the present North Pearl street, but the first part should read as in the text. It will be noticed that in the Dutch description the word *van* does not occur after *ten wester*, though by mistake it seems it is used after *ten oosten*.

**Deed from the constables of Albany, administrators of the estate of James Penniman, to Robert Gardiner for a house and lot described in preceding deed**

[103] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of said jurisdiction, the constables of Albany, in the capacity of administrators of the estate of the late James Penniman, who declared that they grant, convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Robert Gardiner, soldier in the garrison here, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, to the north of the house of Dirk Albertse Bratt, now belonging to Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, and to the south of the town fence, bounded easterly by the street and westerly by a certain portion of lot conveyed by W<sup>m</sup>. Parker to said R: Gardiner, being in length on the south and north sides three rods and two feet, and in breadth front and rear twenty-one feet and a half; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of a conveyance made to them yesterday by Geertruy Hieronimus, widow of Jochim Wesselse Becker<sup>1</sup> and administratrix of said estate, and that free and uninumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) and without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Rob<sup>t</sup>. Gardiner to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, he paying such charges and taxes as are already imposed by the governor in the patent or as any other governor after him shall impose upon said house and lot, promising further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, on the 9th of March 168<sup>9</sup>.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Johannes Provoost*

JOHANNES WENDEL  
JACOB SAND: GLEN  
GERRET LANSINCK

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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<sup>1</sup> Jochim Wesselsen, baker.

**Deed from the administrators of the estate of the late Madam Corlaer (van Curler) to Jacob ten Eyck and Isaac Verplank for a parcel of land outside the north gate of Albany**

[104] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schauenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Johannes Provoost, administrators of the estate of Madam Corlaers,<sup>1</sup> deceased, who declared that they grant, convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob ten Eyck and Isaac Verplank, shoemakers, a certain parcel of land lying without the north gate of Albany to the north of Mews Hoogeboom, taking its beginning to the north of the point of the kill<sup>2</sup> and stretching lengthwise to the pond (τγγερ), being seventeen rods and nine feet long and in front on the highway and in the rear also three rods wide, which they are using at present for a tannery: which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the patent granted to them by the Honorable Sir Edmund Andross, knight, governor general, under date of the 25th of March 1680,<sup>3</sup> and that free and unincumbered without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors' making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jacob ten Eyck and Isaack Verplank, their heirs or successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid parcel of land as they might do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the

<sup>1</sup> Anthonia Slachboom, or Slaghboom, the widow of Arent van Curler. See *Van Rensselaer Bowler Mss.*, p. 817.

<sup>2</sup> Vossen, or Fox, kill.

<sup>3</sup> This is apparently the patent which is recorded in *Patents, 1666-1670*, v. 4, pt 2, p. 97, in the New York State Library, as follows: "A Patent for a piece of Land at Albany granted unto William Beackman &c. Sr. Edmund Andros Kn<sup>t</sup>. &c Whereas there is a certaine piece of Land Lying without the North port of Albany for the which Arent van Curler deceased had a pattent or Groundbrief from the Dutch Governour Petrus Stuyvesant as by the Record thereof dated Aprill the 23<sup>d</sup> 1650 doth appeare the same being therein described to bee to the North of Reyerts Elberts along the Innerway in breadth twelve Rod and westward into the woods forty foure Rod running behind to nothinge to the which Arent van Curler afores<sup>d</sup>. made purchase of some addicon a Survey being taken It's found to bee in all as followeth (vizt) in breadth behind Mees Hooghboomes alongst the way Sixteen Rod and on the River side twelve Rod In Length from the Highway to the River as well South as North thirty foure Rod as by the Returne of the measure thereof doth and may Appeare Know yee &c Dated the 25<sup>th</sup>. of March 1680." "Port" stands for Dutch *Poort*, meaning "gate."



same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 10th of March 1689<sup>o</sup>.

CORNELIS VAN DYCK

JOHANNES PROVOOST

*Dirk Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from the administrators of the estate of the late Madam Corlaer (van Curler) to Cornelis van Schelluyne for a parcel of land outside the north gate of Albany**

[105] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johannes Provoost, administrators of the estate of Madam Corlaers, deceased, who declared that they grant, convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Cornelis Van Shellyune, shoemaker, a certain parcel of land lying without the north gate of Albany to the east of the highway, beginning at the bounds and limits of the colony of Renselaerswyk and stretching hitherwards into the limits of Albany thirty feet, being also thirty feet long, abutting on the west side of the lot belonging to the said estate: all of which he bought of Madam Corlaer and says he paid her for the same; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the patent granted to them by the Honorable Sir Edmond Andross, knight, governor general, of date the 25th of March 1689<sup>o</sup>; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be paid and satisfied therefor, therefore giving *plenum actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Cornel: van Shellyune, shoemaker, his heirs, successors, or assigns to use the aforesaid lot as a tannery or to dispose thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and

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<sup>1</sup> See note to preceding document.

defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances, and further, nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 10th of March 1689.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*

CORNELIS VAN DYCK  
JOHANNES PROVOOST

In my presence,  
ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jacob ten Eyck and Isaack Verplanck to Jeronimus Wendel for a parcel of land outside the north gate of Albany**

[106] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerwyk and Shaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Blecker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jacob Ten Eyk and Isaack Verplank, shoemakers, who declared that they grant, convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jeronimus Wendell, shoemaker, a certain parcel of a lot lying without the north gate of Albany behind Meus Hoogeboom's, abutting on the east side of the grantors', on the west side of the former pond, on the north side of Mews Hoogeboom and on the south side of the land belonging to the estate of the late, Madam Corlaer;<sup>1</sup> in length seven rods and eight feet and in breadth one rod, on this condition that he shall have a free passage way of three feet and a half across the grantors' lot from the common road to his tannery: which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the conveyance given to them by the administrators of the estate of Madam Corlaer, deceased of date the 10th of March 1689, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors' making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jeronimus Wendell to use the aforesaid lot as a tannery and to dispose

<sup>1</sup>*Belcndende ten oosten van haer Transportanten, & ten westen van d'geveenen zyver ten noorden van Mews Hoogeboom, & ten suyden van 't Erf toebehoorende d'Boedel van Juffr. Corlaer Zalgr.* In Professor Pearson's translation the compass directions were reversed, in spite of the fact that in the deed to Jacob ten Eyck and Isaack Verplanck the land is described as being to the north of Mews Hoogeboom.

thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 11th of March 1681<sup>o</sup>.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

JACOB TEN EYCK  
ISAACK VERPLANKEN

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute, Juriaen Teunissen and Myndert Fredericksen to Marten Gerritsen for land on the west side of the Huson river opposite Neuten hoek**

[107] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, se retary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Johannes Cloete, Juriaen Teunisse and Myndert Frederikse, who declared that they grant, convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Marte Gerritse a certain parcel of land lying on the west side of Hudson's river over against the little Neuten hoek,<sup>1</sup> beginning at the land of P<sup>r</sup>. Bronk on the Catskill path, due south along the said Catskill path to the spring (*fonteyn*) and from the spring eastward, to the hill of Steefsinek and from Steeffsinek eastward to the river and from the river side northwards up to the land of Hilletie Bronk aforesaid;<sup>2</sup> which they the grantors, to wit Johannes Cloete and Jurian Teunisse, do by virtue of the patent granted to them by the late governor general, of date the 25th of May 1667, and Mynd<sup>t</sup>. Frederikse by virtue of the conveyance given to him under date of the 7th of August 1675, by Jan Hend: Bruyn who made over to him his one-third interest in said patent, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges resting on, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the

<sup>1</sup> Nutten hook, in Columbia county, N. Y. The post office is called Newton Hook. *Neuten* is the plural of *neut*, a variant form of Dutch *noot*, meaning "nut."

<sup>2</sup> See deed from Johannes Clute and others to Marten Gerritsen for same property, April 26, 1671, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:170-80, and also fragment of similar deed, on p. 471 of same volume, where the name of the hill is given as *Styftsinek*.

grantors' making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging themselves to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Marte Gerritse, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid parcel of land as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 28th of March 1681.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JOHANNIS CLUTE  
JURE JAN TUNSEN

The mark X of MYNDT. FREDERIKSE,  
made with his own hand.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Deed from Pieter Adriaensen to Reyer Jacobsen Schermerhorn for two parcels of land at Schenectady

[108] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, P<sup>r</sup>. Adriaense,<sup>1</sup> who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Ryer Jacobse Schermerhooren two certain parcels of land lying at Schinnechtady, both marked N<sup>o</sup>. 4, one lying to the west of the land formerly belonging to Arrent van Curler, and now to Sweer Teunise, whence a line being drawn between [it and] N<sup>o</sup>. 3 southeast by south extends till it strikes a small creek bounded by N<sup>o</sup>. 1,<sup>2</sup> containing by estimation

<sup>1</sup> Pieter Adriaensen van Woggelum, nicknamed *Soogemackelyck* (so easy). He was a tavern keeper in Rensselaerswyck in 1656. See *Van Rensselaer Boxier Mss.*, p. 846. Woggelum is a village near Alkmaar, in the province of North Holland.

<sup>2</sup> *gelegen ten westen van't landt voor desen toebehorende Arrent van Curler, & nu Sweer Teunise, van d'welcke een Lynie getrocken synde tushen N<sup>o</sup>. 3, suydt oost ten suyden, streckt voort tot dat het comt by een killejtje belendende by N<sup>o</sup>. 1.* In the patent of June 5, 1667, which was a confirmation of the Dutch grant to Pieter Adriaensen of June 16, 1664, the land is described as follows: "lying to the west of Arrent van Curlaers, from whence a lye running between N<sup>o</sup>. 3 South Easide [sic], & by South and it goes forward till it comes to a small creeke bounded by N<sup>o</sup>. 1."

with the meadow land thereto belonging fourteen morgens or twenty-eight acres and one hundred and sixty-four rods; and the other parcel lying on the hindmost parcel of land by the river, to the east of N<sup>o</sup>. 3, to the west of N<sup>o</sup>. 6, a line being drawn on both sides from the river to the small creek southwest by west, being in breadth fifty-six rods and containing twelve morgens: amounting in all to about fifty-two acres or twenty-six morgens and one hundred and sixty-four rods; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, of date the 5th of June 1697; besides P<sup>r</sup>. Adrianese conveys to Ryer Jacobse all rights to the farm appertaining, the homestead, the garden lying in the flat, the calf pasture, etc., just as he has possessed the same, and that free and unincumbered without any charges resting on or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Ryer Jacobse Shermerhooren, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid farm with its appurtenances as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 6th of April 1681.

PIETER ADRIAENSZ

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Wyntje Harmens, daughter of Harmen Thomassen Hun for a piece of land upon the Murderer's kill**

[109] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaehechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Johannes

Cloete, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Wyntje Harmense, daughter of Harmen Thomase van Hun,<sup>1</sup> a certain parcel of land of twenty morgens lying upon the Moordenaers kill,<sup>2</sup> stretching south and north, called the Rondeel<sup>3</sup> of the Moordenaers kill, with a homestead over the kill next the great swamp (*Kouepel Bossen*) all which he, out of a singular affection and love, has given and granted in the form of a donation to said Wyntje Harmens, as per the instrument thereof dated the 18th of July 1073, which he now conveys, being a part of his portion of the land which Jan Hendrik Bruyn and Jurian Teunise and he owned heretofore, according to the patent granted to the three of them by Rich: Nicolls, late governor, under date of the 25th of May 1067,<sup>4</sup> which part of Jan Bruyn, Myndt, Frederikse bought, and whereas Jurian Teunise and My: J. Frederikse have taken possession each of a place on the river bank, therefore he, the grantor, with the assent and approval of his associates, has given this piece of land to the aforementioned daughter instead of such possession; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right) without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenum* and entire power and full power to the aforementioned Wyntje Harmense, her heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid twenty morgens of land, homestead and appurtenances as she might do with her own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful

<sup>1</sup> This is rather the earliest occurrence in the records of the name of van Hun. The name of Harmen Thomassen is generally referred to as van Amersfoort and in *Myndt Papers*, 1040, under date of July 10, 1067, is given as "Hiltherman Thomase van amerfoort." The use of the form *van* in this case is, perhaps, not significant. As far as van der Aals is concerned, it is doubtful if there is no such place as Hun in the Netherlands, though there are a number of places with names derived from *houn*, such as Hunpoken, Hunneberg and Hunneschans.

<sup>2</sup> The Moordenaers kill, which flows into the Hudson near Athens, Greene county, N. Y.

<sup>3</sup> *Rondeel*, in this connection, means a ring and piece or neck of land.

<sup>4</sup> This instrument is given in confirmation of the purchase from the Indians of Albany, and is referred to as "patent" by early Fort Albany on the west side of the river, and against Claveracke almost stretcheth along by the Meadows, and from thence reaches his Land to the Meadows by the common Neck of the main Land lying behind Barents Island by the Indians name, Mackawawack, going up into the woods as well on the South as North's hill at reacheth to Kats Kill path."

claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 7th of April 1681.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirk Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Pieter Bosie and Jan van Loon for land on the west side of the Hudson river opposite Claverac**

[110] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaehechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Johannes Cloet, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie and Jan van Loon his just third part of the land which he in partnership with Jan Hend: Bruyn and Jurian Teunise possesses, which aforesaid parcel of land lies on the west side of the North river, over against Claverak, called by the Indians Caniskeek, stretching along the river from P<sup>r</sup>. Bronck's land to the meadows (*tylen*) by the neck of the mainland lying behind Barents island,<sup>1</sup> all by reason of the patent thereof granted to him Jan Cloet, Jan Hend: Bruyn and Jurian Teunise by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, of date the 25th of May 1667, to which reference is herein made; which aforesaid his portion and estate, being a just third part of the land specified in said patent, he conveys to P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie and Jan van Loon aforesaid, except the land that he has conveyed with his associates to Marte Gerritse under date of the 28th of March last past and the land which he in particular on this day has conveyed to Wyntje Harmense; furthermore all the remainder of his rights he conveys free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first

<sup>1</sup> The patent of May 25, 1667 (see note to preceding deed), adds: "by the Indyans called Mackawameek." Cf. E. M. Rittenber, *Indian Geographical Names*, p. 175.

penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie and Jan van Loon, their heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land and the appurtenances thereof, so far as the grantor has ownership therein, saving the conveyances aforesaid, as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 7th of April 1681.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,  
ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond of Pieter Bosie and Jan van Loon to Johannes Clute, mortgaging the land conveyed to them**

[111] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Pieter Bosie and Jan van Loon, who declared themselves to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Capt. Johan Cloet in the quantity of fifty good, merchantable beaver skins, or good winter wheat at market price for a certain parcel of land to them conveyed this day lying on the west side of the North river over against Claverak, which sum of fifty beavers, or wheat at market price to be delivered here in Albany, the subscribers promise to pay in the following manner, to wit, next May fifteen beavers, May 1682 five beavers and every year thereafter five beavers up to 50 beavers; but on this express condition and stipulation that the one shall not be holden to pay for the other, each being holden for twenty-five beavers, so that if one of them should fail to pay said Johannes Cloet can attach his half of the land, without lessening the other's rights; for the payment of which sum the subscribers give mortgage upon the land on condition aforesaid, pledging the same to said Capt. Cloet specially, each his half of the land for said payment, and generally their persons and estates, real and personal, present and future,



nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges.

Done in Albany, on the 7th of April 1681.

The mark X of P<sup>r</sup>. BOSIE, made with  
his own hand.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JAN VAN LOON

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Myndert Fredericksen for a plot of ground in Albany

[112] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessels, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Capt. Johannes Cloete, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Myndert Frederikse, smith, a certain small plot of ground in the back part of his lot behind his house, adjoining [and] to the south of Hans Dreper, to the north of Gabriel Thomson and to the east of Jan Harmense,<sup>1</sup> in length east and west fifteen wood feet and as broad as said Myndert's lot, which small plot of ground he has long possessed and at present owns; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him, Jan Cloet, given by Jan Coster van Aken, of date the  $\frac{1}{2}$ th of March 1667; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least there-to, acknowledging that he has been fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Mynd<sup>t</sup>. Frederiksen, his heirs, successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid small plot of ground as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law, and further nevermore to do nor cause anything

<sup>1</sup> *Belendende ten syden van hans Dreper . . .* which Professor Pearson had translated "bounded southerly by Hans Dreper," etc. Cf. conveyance from Jan Coster van Aken to Johannes Clute, 13 March 1667, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:466-7; also p. 104-5, 260-61, 502-3, and diagram of lots on corner of State street and Broadway, in Munsell's *Collections*, 4:203. Gabriel Thomson is generally called Gabriel Thomassen. His last name was Stridles.

to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 15th of April 1681.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from the magistrates of Albany to David Schuyler for a lot at Albany**

[113] The honorable magistrates of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schuënhechtady, etc., declare by these presents that they grant, convey and make over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr David Schuyler, a certain lot lying behind his house where he now lives, being in breadth on the west five and a half rods and four inches and on the east five rods and seven inches; in length northerly two and a half rods and nine inches and southerly two rods and six inches, being on the westerly side of the lot belonging to the colony, on the easterly side of Mr David Schuyler aforesaid, on the northerly side of Hans Hendrix and on the southerly side of the alley by the town fence<sup>1</sup> according to the measurement and survey of the surveyor dated the 14th of May 1681, which lot the aforesaid David Schuyler has bought of the magistrates and fully paid for, [they] conveying the same free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), therefore giving to the aforesaid David Schuyler, his heirs, successors and assigns full power to dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial effects and the right to demand a patent for the aforesaid lot from the right honorable general.

Done in Albany this 10th day of May 1681.

CORNELIS VAN DYCK  
DIRCK WESSELSZ

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> *Belendende ten westen van't Erfv toebehoorende d'Colony & Beoosten van Mr. David Schuyler voorsz. & beneorden van hans hendrix & besuyden van d'Ganah by d' Stadts heynbuogen*, which Professor Pearson first translated as "bounded westerly by the lot belonging to the colony . . ." and then changed as above in the text. The latter way is doubtless correct.

Deed from Gerrit Reyersen to Barent Myndertsen and others for  
a lot outside the north gate of Albany

[114] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>l</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Dirk Wessels, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Gerritt Ryerse, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Barent Myndertse, Jeronimus Wendell, Cornelis van Shelluyne, Symon Jacobse Schermerhooren, Jacob Teunise, and Johannes Mingaell, shoemakers, a certain lot lying without the north gate of Albany, adjoining and to the south of the cross fence of the grantor and Claes Janse van Boekhooven, to the north and east of the grantor to the west of the highway,<sup>1</sup> in breadth in front on the street forty-five feet and in length on the south and north sides likewise forty-five feet and in the rear sixty-one feet in width, all Rhineland measure, on which lot said six shoemakers have built a bark mill; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to his late father Ryer Elbertse and Claes Janse by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, of date the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1667,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Barent Myndertse, Jeron: Wendel, Cornel: van Shelluyne, Symon Jac: Schermerhoren, Jacob Teunise, Johannes Mingaell, shoemakers, their heirs, successors, or assigns

<sup>1</sup> *belendende ten Suyden van d' Dwaers heyning van hem Transportant & Claes Janse van Boekhooven & ten noorden & Oosten van hem Transportant & ten Westen van d' gemeene wegh.* Professor Pearson translates this: "bounded southerly by the cross fence of the grantor and Claes Janse van Boekhooven and northerly and easterly of him the grantor and west of the common way." It will be noticed, however, that in so doing he describes the lot twice as being bounded to the south by the grantor.

<sup>2</sup> The abstract of this patent in *Patents, 1667-1671*, pt 2, p. 33, in the New York State Library, reads: "A Confirmacon granted unto Reyer Elberts & Claes Jans for a peell of Land at Albany Richard Nicolls Esqz &c Whereas there was a Patent, or Groundbriefe heretofore granted by the Dutch Governor Petrus Stuyvesant unto Arent van Curler for a certain piece of Land near the Fort in Beverwick at Albany to the North of Reyer Elbertsen lying in length along the highway, & in breadth twelve Rod going westward into the woods forty four Rod and abutting behind overag<sup>st</sup> the fence of Arent Andriesen de Noorman, which s<sup>d</sup> Patent or Groundbriefe so granted as afores<sup>d</sup> bearing date the 23<sup>th</sup>. day of Apr: 1650 was on the 30<sup>th</sup>. of Apr: 1663 transported and made over unto Reyer Ellberts and Claes Jans by the s<sup>d</sup> Arent van Curler with all his Right and Interest therein. Now for a Confirmacon &c. The Patent is dated the 7<sup>th</sup>. May 1667."

to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 25th of May 1681.

GERRIT REYERSEN

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Capt. Volkert Jansen Douw to Harmen Rutgers for a lot in Albany

[115] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Ren-elaers-wyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Corn: van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Capt. Volkert Janse Dow, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Harme Rutgers, master brewer, a certain lot lying here in Albany to the south of the Vuykse kill,<sup>1</sup> to the west of W<sup>m</sup>. Joehimse Ketelhuyse, to the east of the grantor and to the north of the public road<sup>2</sup> by the churchyard and to the south of the Fuykse kill; in length east and west seven rods and in breadth south and north thirty-two feet, with the reservation that there shall remain a public road leading to the Lutheran church; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, of date the 4th of May 1667;<sup>3</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges on or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Harme Rutgers, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he could do with his

<sup>1</sup> Same as Fuyck, or Rutten kill.

<sup>2</sup> Now Beaver street.

<sup>3</sup> In this patent, which was a confirmation of a Dutch grant of April 23, 1652, the land is described as "abutting to the North of the Creeke or Kill called the ffuycke Kill to the South on the Common Highway, to the west the Hills, and to the East Anthony de Hooges."

own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 20th of June 1681.

VOLCKART JANSZ DOUW

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Harmen Jansen Lyndrayer to Pieter Winne for a house and lot in Albany

[116] Appeared before me, RO<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Harme Janse Lyndrayer, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Pieter Winne, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, with all that is thereon fast by earth and nail, adjoining southerly P<sup>r</sup>. Lorkermans, northerly the house of Lawrence and Jan Janse Bleeker, westerly and easterly the streets; in breadth in front on the street two rods, and in the rear on the west side one rod and ten and a half feet, in length on the north side six and a half rods and on the south side six rods, five and a half feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Paulus Martense Raemmaker, of date the 31st of December 1677,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Mr Pieter Winne, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further

<sup>1</sup> Thus in the original. Cf. *Early Records of Albany*, 1:170-71, where the date is given as the 13th December 1677.

nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 21st of June 1681.

HARMEN JANSZ LYNDRAIER

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

Ro<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond and mortgage of Pieter Winne to Harmen Jansen Lyndrayer (not executed)**

[117] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>r</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Pieter Winne, who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Harme Janse Lyndrayer in the sum of twenty-seven beavers, which the subscriber may pay in good, merchantable inch boards at 22 per beaver, next May 1682, being for the second payment for the house and lot which P<sup>r</sup>. Lokermans bought of said Harme Janse Lyndrayer for him, the subscriber, and which was yesterday conveyed to him by said Harme Janse, and whereas said monies have been attached by some of H: Janse's creditors, the subscriber undertakes to pay these as well as ninety boards for Mr Rich: Pretty, being requested so to do by Harme Janse aforesaid, for so far as said 27 beavers will reach; for which payment of twenty-seven beavers or boards at 22 per beaver as above stated, the subscriber hereby gives a mortgage upon his house conveyed to him yesterday by said H: Janse, pledging the same specially to said H: Janse or his order, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany the 22d of June 1681.

[This instrument was not signed.]

**Deed from Adriaen Appel, attorney for Jan Andriessen Douw, to Johannes Thomassen Mingael and Jacob Teunissen for a house and lot in Albany**

[118] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>r</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates

of the same jurisdiction, Jan Andriese Dow, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes Thomase Mingael and Jacob Teunise, both shoemakers of this town, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, adjoining southerly and westerly Jochim Ketelheyn, northerly the house of Jan Cornelise Vyselaer and easterly the street; in length three rods, nine feet and seven inches and in breadth one rod, eight feet and one inch, but it is reserved that the alley between this house and the house of Jan Cornelise Vyselaer shall remain in common, being fifteen and a half feet long back of said Jan Gaw's<sup>1</sup> house; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Jan Cornelise Vyselaer, of date the 20th of June 1678,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Johannes Tomase Mingael and Jacob Teunise to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause any thing to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided therefore.

Done in Albany, the 8th of July 1681. N. B. Adr: Appell has full power from Jan Andriese Dow to sign this conveyance.

*Dirck Wessellsz*

A: APPEL

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Release by Johannes Thomassen Mingael to Jacob Teunissen of his half interest in the house and lot purchased from Jan Andriessen Douw**

[119] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of

<sup>1</sup>Generally spelled Gow, or Gouw, and referring to Jan Cornelissen Vyselaer; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:187. Gouw means "quick," but may also stand for "ter Gouw," or Gouda, a city in the province of South Holland.

<sup>2</sup>See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:187.

the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Johannes Thomese Mingael, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Teunise, shoemaker, his certain just half of a house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on *Cow street*,<sup>1</sup> adjoining southerly and westerly Jochim Ketelheyn, northerly the house of Jan Cornelise Vyselaer and to the east the street; in length three rods, nine feet, seven inches and in breadth one rod, eight feet and one inch, reserving the alley between said house and the house of Jan Gaw to remain in common, being fifteen feet and a half long back of said Jan Gaw's house; which half of said house and lot he, the grantor, conveys by virtue of a deed to him and said Jacob Teunise given by Adriaen Appell, attorney for Jan Andriese Dow on the 8th day of July 1681, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jacob Teunise, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid half [interest in] the house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 9th of July 1681.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JOHANNIS TOMES MEINGAEL

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jan Thomassen to Jacob Jansen Schermerhorn for the half of the island of Schodack and of a piece of land on the east bank of the Hudson river**

[120] Appeared before me Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Dr Dirk Wessels, magis-

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "Cow street"; now Broadway.



trates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Jan Thomase,<sup>1</sup> who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Janse Schermerhooren, the just half of the island of Schotack as he has divided it with Volkert Janse Dow, viz. [the part] along the kill side belonging to Jan Thomase and [that] on the river side belonging to Volk' Janse Dow; together with what belongs to him on the east bank, with house, barn and rick, just as he bought it at vendue on the 19th of September 1670, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to him and Volkert Janse granted under date of the 4th of May 1667<sup>2</sup> by the late Governor General Richard Nicolls for the whole island and a parcel of land lying on the east side of the kill where the house of Mahac Notas stood; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to do with and dispose of the aforesaid half island lying on the kill side and the appurtenances thereof as the same has been owned by the grantor as [the grantee] could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, this 11th of July 1681.

Cornelis van Dyck  
Dirk Wesselsz

JAN THOMASZ

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Release by Capt. Philip Pietersen Schuyler of his half interest in three parcels of land at Half Moon to Annetje Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick**

[121] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, in presence of the

<sup>1</sup> His signature is the same as that of Jan Thomasz from Witbeck, or Wittbek, in *Notarial Papers*, 2:103-5.

<sup>2</sup> In this confirmation of the Dutch grant of November 3, 1663, the island is described as "lying in the North River neare unto Albany by the Creek, or Kill commonly called Goyers Kill, the s<sup>d</sup> Island being known by the Indyan name of Schotack, or Apes Island, Together with a piece of Land on the East side of the Creek or Kill there where the House of Maehack Notas stood striking into the woods it conteyns about [blank] acres or margen"

Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, the Honorable Capt. Philip Pieterse Schuyler, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Annetje Lievens, widow of the late Goose Gerritse, deceased, his just half of three parcels of land specified in three separate grants or ground-briefs and combined into one patent by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace granted to Capt. Goose Gerritse, deceased, and to him, the grantor, under date of the 30th of March 1672,<sup>1</sup> the first parcel lying to the north of the fourth *Spruyt*<sup>2</sup> above the colony of Rensselaerswyk, being the fore land of the *Halve Maen* (Half Moon); the second parcel is the island where Anthony Goosense now dwells, called *Langh Idant* (Long Island); the third parcel is the *Halve Maen* with three islands lying thereby; all of which he conveys by virtue of said patent, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Annetje Lievens, her heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid parcels of land as she might do with her own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same

<sup>1</sup>The record of this patent seems to be lost, but the three grants to which reference is made were as follows: (1) a patent of October 13, 1665, for "a certaine Tract of Land called Mathahenaack, Scituate, lying and being to the North of the fourth Spring, beyond and above the Colony of Rensselaerswyck near Albany, being the foremost of a Parcell of Land called the halfe Moone, otherwise by the Mahikanders, Nachtenack, Stretching along the River Northwards from the said spring, unto a Creeke proceeding out of a great Meadow, lying west of the said River, and so forth into the Woods, unto the Maqua's Hill." (2) a patent of the same date for "a certaine Island called by the Mahikanse Indyans, Quahemesicos, and commonly knowne by the name of Long Island, Scituate lying and being, between the Second and Third Spring, beyond and above the Colony of Rensselaerswyck, near Albany;" (3) a patent of May 4, 1668, for "a certaine Tract or parcell of land scituate lying & being to ye North, & aboue ye said Towne of Albany & is comonly called or knowne by ye name of ye halfe Moone The said land stretching up alongst ye North Ryver from a certaine place where are severall streames of water to a Creek or Kill where there is a fall of waters w<sup>ch</sup>, running into ye Land at Length hath its course into ye North Ryver The said Creek or Kill & fall being by ye Indians called Tionwenendahow & from thence runs up ye Maques Kill westward to a place called Dowael-sojacks, & so strikes presently Eastward up alongst by ye said streams of water & then to ye North River aforementioned, Togethr, w<sup>th</sup> three small Islands lying in ye said Ryver over against ye said Tract or parcell of Land called ye Halfe Moone as aforesaid w<sup>ch</sup>, said purchase was by ye said Indian Proprietors acknowledged at Albany upon ye 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1667."

<sup>2</sup>Literally, "sprout," referring to a branch or fork of the Mohawk river.

against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 12th of July 1681.

Cornelis van Dyck

PHILIP SCHUYLER

Dirck Wesselsz

In my presence,

Ro<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Major Abraham Staets to Johannes de Wandelaer for a garden outside of Albany on the plain**

[122] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaeinhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Maj<sup>r</sup>. Abraham Staets, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes d'Wandelaer, a certain garden lying without the town of Albany on the Pleyn (Plain), abutting on the north [side] of the orchard belonging to the patroon of the colony of Renselaerswyck, to the west on the lot heretofore belonging to Dirk Janse Croon, and on the south [side] of the common alley; <sup>1</sup> in length seven rods

<sup>1</sup> *Skere Thuyn gelegen buyten d'Stadt Albany op't Pleyn Belendende ten noorden van d'Bogaert toebehoorende d'Patroon der Colony Renselaerswyck, ten westen 't Erfj voordesen toebehoorende Dirk Janse Croon, & ten syden van d'gemeene gangh.* In the patent of April 24, 1667, the land is described as a "Lot of Ground with a Garden belonging to it lying & being in Beverwick at Albany abutting on the north to Gerrit Slichtenhorst Poort or Gate, & on the west to Derrick Jansen conteming in length seven Rod. & in breadth five Rod as in the Groundbriefe is set forth, which s<sup>d</sup> Lott & Garden was upon the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1662 transported & made over unto Capt<sup>n</sup>. Abraham Staets by Cornelys Vos." This places the garden to the south of Slichtenhorst's gate, whereas the deed from Cornelis de Vos, May 5, 1662, in *Deeds*, 2:316-17, reads: *een erfj tot een tuyn gelegen Inden durpe van Beverwyck belendende ten noorden van Slichtenhorst poort ende aen de west syde dirrick Janseen*, that is, to the north of Slichtenhorst's gate and having to the west Dirk Jansen, and not, as translated in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:301, "adjoining to the north Van Slichtenhorst's gate, on the west side Dirk Janssen." The Dutch deed from Cornelis de Vos undoubtedly follows the language of the original patent of April 23, 1652, to which it refers, but which like all other patents of that date is no longer in existence. That in this early deed and in the patent of April 24, 1667, the garden is described as being "in Beverwyck," while in the deed of August 6, 1681, it is said to be "without the town of Albany," may arise from the fact that the garden was without the town stockade and that this stockade was not yet built in 1652. In a note in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:13, it is stated that "The land south of the city wall and Hudson street was called the plain," but on p. 116, Professor Pearson says that "The plain included the area south of the Rutten kil and east of Pearl street." The latter statement does not seem to be quite correct.

and in breadth five rods; which he the grantor does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls under date of the 24th of April 1667; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Johannes d'Wandelaer, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid garden as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 6th of August 1681.

ABRAM STAAS

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Janse Bleecker*

In my presence,  
Rob<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Gerrit Herttenberch to Hendrick Rooseboom for a house and lot in Albany**

[123] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaehechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleecker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Hendrik Rooseboom a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, between the houses of Harmanus Borgerse and Jacob Tyse van der Heyden, bounded in front and rear on the street,<sup>1</sup> just as it was conveyed to him by the attorney of Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper, deceased, except a little corner of the lot in the rear on the side, about a foot, which, Anth<sup>o</sup>. Lespinard has bought, otherwise just as it lies inclosed in its fence; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by W<sup>m</sup>. Loverige, attorney of Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cooper, deceased, of date the 22d of August 1679, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of

<sup>1</sup> North Pearl and James streets. See p. 56.

the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Hend: Rooseboom, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 11th of August 1681.

GERRIT HERTTENBERCH

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Hendrick Rooseboom to Gerrit Herttenberch for a house and lot in Albany on the hill**

[124] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhectady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Hendrik Rooseboom, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Gerrit Hartenbergh a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, adjoining to the south the house of Johannes Rooseboom, to the north the house of Jacob Ten Eyck, to the west and east the street, all as it lies in its fence, excepting the lot belonging to the small house standing next south thereof, being three rods and eight feet long and in breadth in the rear eight feet and five inches; the house must be drip free and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenb: is granted the privilege of sewerage upon the lot of Johannes Rooseboom; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Jacob Heevick, Ger<sup>t</sup>. Swart and Adriaen van Ipendam, curators of the estate of the late Rhyndert Pieterse, of date the 14th of June 1673,<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:91-92. Cf. diagram of lots on east side of North Pearl street, between Maiden Lane and Steuben street, in *Munsell's Collections*, 4:211.

charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Gerrit Hartenbergh, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 11th of August 1681.

HENDRICK R[OOS]EBOOM

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Hendrick Rooseboom to his son Johannes Rooseboom  
for a small house and lot in Albany on the hill**

[125] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schinnechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Hendrik Rooseboom, burgher of this town, who declared that out of particular love and affection, he gives, grants, conveys and makes over to and for the behoof of his beloved son Johannes Rooseboom a certain small house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, to the south and west of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hardenbergh, to the north of the house and lot of Phillip Pieterse Schuyler and to the east of the street,<sup>1</sup> breadth in front on the street ten feet and five inches, and in the rear eight feet and five inches, in length three rods, eight feet, three inches, all Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given to him by Jacob Herick, Gerrit Swart and Adriaen van Hpendam, curators of the estate of the late Rhyndert Pieterse, of date the 14th June 1673,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's

<sup>1</sup> North Pearl street; see note to preceding deed.

<sup>2</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:91-92.

having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be fully content and satisfied therefor, [the same] being freely given to him [the grantee], therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to his aforesaid son Johannes Rooseboom to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 12th of August 1681.

HENDRICK ROOSEBOOM

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

#### Deed from Hendrick Jochemsen of Kingston to Major Abraham Staets for a lot in Albany

[126] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the said jurisdiction, Hendrick Jochimse, inhabitant of Kingstown in the Esopus, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Major Abraham Staets a certain part of a lot lying here in Albany, to the south of Jurian van Hoesen,<sup>1</sup> formerly belonging to Daniel Rinekhout, to the north of said Maj. Abr: Staets, to the west of the brewery of Sybrant van Schayk and to the east of the street, being the whole of the lot specified

<sup>1</sup>The eldest son of Jan Fransen van Hoesen (Hoesem, Hoesum), the progenitor of the Van Heusen family, mentioned below. Genealogies of this family state that the first ancestor came from Huysen, or Huizen, on the Zuider Zee, in the Netherlands, presumably because the name of Jan Fransen is entered in the baptismal records of the Reformed Dutch Church at New York under the date of September 30, 1640, as "Van huysen." It should be noted, however, that this is a most unusual form of the name and that Jan Fransen in the early deeds and court records at Albany, between 1652 and 1672, is invariably referred to as "van Hoesem," which would seem to be but a Dutch phonetic spelling of the name of the town of Husum, in Schleswig, from the vicinity of which a number of early settlers came. At all events, there seems to be no good reason why the perfectly familiar name of Huysen should in Dutch records be written "Hoesem," or even "Hoesum," as in the patent mentioned below, whereas the spelling "Huysen" for Husum may be accounted for by the fact that the same form occurs on the map of Denmark in Ortelius' Atlas of 1568, and probably on other Dutch maps of the period. In support of the theory that Jan Fransen came from Schleswig it may be recalled also that Pearson in his *Early Settlers of Albany*, p. 126, states that the Van Hoesens were Lutherans.

in a patent granted to the grantor Hend: Jochimse by the late Governor General Richard Nicolls, dated the 25th of October 1667,<sup>1</sup> except what he conveyed to Capt. Phillip Schuyler under date of [blank];<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he has been fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Major Abrah: Staets, his heirs, successors, or assigns, to do therewith and dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 22d of August 1681.

HENDRICK JOCHEMSZ

*Corn: van Dyck*

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from the magistrates to Johannes de Wandelaer for a small parcel of land on the Plain at Albany**

[127] The honorable magistrates of Albany, colony of Rensselaerwyck and Schinneehtady, etc., hereby declare that they have granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes d'Wandelaer a small parcel of land lying by his garden on the Pleyn (Plain) to preserve his apple trees, having moved the fence further out,<sup>3</sup> and the little

<sup>1</sup> This patent was a confirmation of a conveyance by Femmetje Alberts, widow of Hendrick Jansen, to Hendrick Jochemsen, dated April 16, 1666, for a house and lot in Albany, abutting "on y<sup>e</sup> north to y<sup>e</sup> lott of Daniel Ringhout to y<sup>e</sup> East on y<sup>e</sup> brewhouse belonging to volchert Jansen & Jan Tomassen to y<sup>e</sup> South on y<sup>e</sup> Lott of Jan Fransen van Hoesum togeth<sup>r</sup>. w<sup>th</sup>. a garden lying by y<sup>e</sup> Kyver side w<sup>th</sup>. a space for a doore to go from y<sup>e</sup> said Lott to y<sup>e</sup> said Garden"

<sup>2</sup> June 7, 1666; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1,390, where it is stated that the conveyance by Femmetje Alberts, mentioned in the preceding note, was made in the Esopus. Consequently, this deed is not recorded in Albany, but must be looked for among the records in Kingston.

<sup>3</sup> *een Stuckje Erffs gelegen by zyn Thuyt op 't Pleyn, om zyn Appel Boomen te Preserveren hebbende d'heyninge uytgesctt*, which was translated by Professor Pearson as "a small parcel of land lying by his garden to extend his fence for the preservation of his apple orchard." The fact that



parcel is in breadth six feet and in length like the garden, viz seven rods, Rhineland measure, lying to the south of the common alley between him and Mr Phil: Schuyler; which six feet of land Johannes d'Wandelaer has bought of the magistrates for the sum of two beavers, paid in full; and that free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), therefore giving *plenum actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid purchaser to do with and dispose of the said parcel of land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 9th of September 1681.

MARTEN GERTSEN  
DIRCK WESSELSZ

#### Deed from Huybert Jansen to Barent Pietersen Coeymans for a lot in Albany

[128] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Huybert Janse, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Bart. Pieterse Coeymans a certain piece of a lot lying here in Albany next the house of said Huybert Janse, being to the east and north of the lot of Harme Gansevoort, west of Huyb: Janse and south of the street, in breadth in front on the street and in the rear also nineteen feet and in length east and west two and a half rods, Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls under date of the 11th of September 1667,<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same

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the land was granted by the magistrates might seem to imply that the word *heyninge* refers to the town fence, but this does not appear to be the case, as it would place the garden, and consequently the Plain, within or to the north of the town fence, whereas the reference to the common alley between the grantee and Philip Schuyler suggests that it was some distance south of the town fence, perhaps not far from the Beaver kill.

<sup>1</sup>This patent was granted on a conveyance bearing date April 9, 1667, made by Juriaen Jansen Groenwout to Huybert Jansen, for which see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:499.

(saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claims in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law, and further, nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 14th of September 1681.

The X mark of HUYBERT JANSE, made  
with his own hand.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*<sup>1</sup>

**Transfer of patent for land in Catskill by administrators of the estate of Jan van Bremen to Stephanus van Cortlant, in his capacity as director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck**

[129] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornel: van Dyck and Mr Jan Janse Bleyker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Adriaen van Ilpendam and Mr Jan Becker in the capacity of curators of the estate of Jan van Breemen,<sup>2</sup> deceased, who declared that they found among the papers of said Jan van Breemen a certain patent for a certain parcel of land lying at Katskill, which land Jan van Breemen sold and disposed of to Eblert Gerbertse Cruyff, which aforesaid Eldert made over the same to the colony of Rensselaerswyck; which aforesaid patent of date the 1st of August 1668, granted to Jan van Breemen by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, the aforesaid curators transfer and make over to Mr Stephanus van Cortlant in his capacity as director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck; which land stretches along the kill eastward in length one hundred and fifty-five rods, in

<sup>1</sup> This deed is canceled in the record.

<sup>2</sup> Jan Dirksen, from Bremen, Germany. He was in New Amsterdam in 1630 and on August 4, 1643, was commissioned skipper of a yacht of the colony of Rensselaerswyck. He was in Catskill in 1651 and obtained a patent for the land mentioned in the instrument above on October 25, 1653. According to *Van Rensselaer Bowier Mss.*, p. 832, he sold his farm at Catskill to Eldert Gerbertsen Cruyff on February 20, 1650, in exchange for a house in Beverwick, but this does not seem to have prevented him from getting a confirmation of his original grant on August 1, 1668.

breadth on the south side one hundred and sixty rods, extending to and being bounded by the woods,<sup>1</sup> containing in all about seventy acres or thirty-five morgens, according to the description of said patent; declaring hereby that they have found among Jan van Breemen's papers no [evidence of any] lien or incumbrance [on the land] and hereby delivering over the same to the honorable director, renouncing all right and title thereto as far as the estate is concerned. Done in Albany, the 18th of October 1681.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleeker*

ADRIAEN VAN HEDUNDAM  
J. BECKER

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Stephanus van Cortlant, director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck, to Dirck Teunissen van Vechten for land in Catskill patented to Jan van Bremen and conveyed by him to Eldert Gerbertsen Cruyff**

[130] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schinneckitady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Jansz Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Stephanus van Cortlant, in the capacity of director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over to and for the behoof of Dirk Teunisse van Vechten a certain parcel of land lying at Catskill, extending along the kill, eastward, in length one hundred and fifty-five rods, in breadth on the south side one hundred and sixty rods, extending [to] and being bounded by the grove, containing altogether about seventy acres, or thirty-five morgens; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a certain conveyance to him given by the curators of the estate of Jan van Breemen, deceased, of date the 18th of this month, by which they made over the ground brief and patent of said land to the colony of Rensselaerswyck in consideration [of the fact] that the same was found among the papers of said Jan van Breemen who had sold [the land] to Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff; and whereas said Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff was in arrears to the patroon of colony of Rensselaerswyck in a considerable sum of money, he, the grantor, contracted and agreed with Albert Rykman, attorney for Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff, as appears by the

<sup>1</sup> *streckende voorts, & is met d'Roskanie Bepaelt*, which in the patent of August 1, 1678, reads: "then going forward & being encompassed with y<sup>e</sup> woodlands."

instrument thereof dated the 2d of June 1675, that he in his capacity as aforesaid should receive with other effects all the claims which the aforesaid Cruyff had in Catskill; therefore he, Mr Stephanus van Cortlandt, in his capacity of director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck, transfers and makes over to said Dirk Teunise, his heirs or successors, the said land specified in the patent dated the 1st of August 1668, granted to Jan van Breemen by the late Governor General Rich: Nicolls, and furthermore all the rights which said Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff had in Catskill, and that free and unincumbered, without holding or reserving thereon any [rent] charges for the benefit of the patroon of the colony of Rensselaerswyck (saving only the lord's right), without the grantor in his capacity as above making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Dirk Teunise, his heirs, successors and assigns, to enter upon, possess, do with and dispose of the aforesaid land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances so far as the colony of Rensselaerswyck is concerned and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 20th of October 1681.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

S: V: CORTLANDT

In my presence,

R<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond and mortgage of Dirck Teunissen van Vechten to Stephanus van Cortlant, director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck, and satisfaction of mortgage by Kiliaen van Rensselaer**

[131] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Jan Janse Bleecker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Dirk Teunise van Vechten, who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Mr Stephanus van Cortlandt, in the capacity of director of the colony of Rensselaerswyck, in the sum of four hundred and two guilders, fourteen stivers in beavers and the sum of two hundred and fifty-six guilders and fifteen stivers in patroon's money, to wit, wheat at 10 guilders

the *mudde*;<sup>1</sup> which aforesaid sums of four hundred and two guilders, fourteen stivers in beavers and two hundred and fifty-six guilders, 15 stivers patroon's money the subscriber promises to pay to said Mr Stephanus van Cortlandt, director of the colony of Renselaerswyk, or his order, next winter in good beavers or wheat at market price for the  $f402:14$  in beavers and the patroon's money, being  $f256:15$ , at 10 guilders a *mudde*; for which payment as above the subscriber mortgages the farm in Catskill yesterday conveyed to him by the director, pledging the same specially to the colony of Renselaerswyk for said payment, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, that the payment may be had without costs or loss. Done in Albany, this 21st of October 1681.

DIRCK TEUNISZ

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

RO<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

I underwritten Killiaen van Renselaer eldest sonn and heir or Jerimias van Renselaer late of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Renselaerswyk deceased, and Patroon of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Colony doe acknowledge to have Received out of y<sup>e</sup> hands of Jannetie Teunise y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>w</sup>. & Relect of Dirk Teunise van Vechten lat<sup>r</sup> of Catskill in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany deceased the full Contents of y<sup>e</sup> above Mortgage being  $f 402: 14$  st. in Beavers and  $f 256: 15$ st. patroons money doe therefore fully Cleerly and absolutely acquitt Exonerate & Discharge y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Dirk Teunise van Vechten his heirs Executors ad<sup>r</sup>s. or assigns for Ever promising and Engageing to Defend them from any further Claim or Demand to y<sup>e</sup> premises In wittness<sup>e</sup> whereof I have hereunto sett my hand in Albany this 13<sup>th</sup> of Septemb. A<sup>o</sup>. 1703 the s<sup>d</sup>. Kill. v: Renselaer for himself his heirs Ex<sup>r</sup>s. Ad<sup>r</sup>s. or assigns doth hereby Release all & singular his Right Title Interest & Claim which he or they have or ough[t] to have to y<sup>e</sup> Land at Catskill so as y<sup>e</sup> same by Steph: van Cortland is conveyd to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Dirk Teunise on y<sup>e</sup> 20th of Octob. A<sup>o</sup>. [1681] K. V. RENSELAER

<sup>1</sup> One mudde = 3.056 bushels.

**Bond and mortgage of Cornelis Teunissen van Vechten to  
Andries Teller**

[132] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Cornelis Teunise van Vechten *alias* Keesoom,<sup>1</sup> who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Mr Andries Teller, trader of this town, in the sum of eighty-three good, merchantable beaver skins, to be paid in the time of eighteen months from the date hereof in good, salable winter wheat or good peas at beaver's price; which aforesaid sum of 83 beavers the subscriber promises to pay within said time of 18 months in the aforementioned pay for which he specially binds and mortgages forty-two skipples of sowing lying south of the subscriber's house toward Claes van Petten; *item* two blazed black geldings with a gray stallion and a gray mare; *item* seven heifers, to wit, two black with white heads,<sup>2</sup> one black spotted, two red with white heads and one wholly red, going now in their second year; and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the control of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, that the payment may be had without loss or costs. Done in Albany, this 31st of October 1681.

CORNELIS TUNISZ VAN VECHTEN

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

N. B. This mortgage is subscribed by the two aforesaid magistrates on the condition that the patroon, on whose land he dwells, must of necessity be preferred for the current year and that this instrument shall not in the least prejudice his rights, which is understood by the court. Albany, this 14th of February 168½.

<sup>1</sup> *Keesoom* means Uncle Cornelis.

<sup>2</sup> *Swaarte Blaere*; meaning a cow with black body and white belly or breast and white head, sometimes with black markings around the eyes. The *zwartblaar* or *zwartkopp* Groningen breed of cattle is at the present day recognized as one of the three distinct breeds of Dutch cattle.

Deed from Annetje Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, to her son Sybrant van Schaick, for the half of a brewery, lot and garden.

[133] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Shaenhechtady and in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Annetie Lievens, widow of the late Goose Gerritse van Schayk, who declared that she grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership as hereby she does grant, convey in real and actual possession to and for the behoof of Sybrant Goosense van Schayk, her, the grantor's, half brewery, lot and garden, as she, the grantor, has possessed the same in company with Pieter Lassing, according to the patent by Jan Thomase and Volkert Janse received from the Honorable Governor General François Lovelace under date of the 24th of March 1668,<sup>1</sup> and according to the contents thereof is in breadth on the east side or highway six rods, nine feet ten inches; length on the south side by Maj. Abraham Staets's alley five rods, eleven feet; west, also bounded by Mr Abraham Staets, six rods five feet; on the north side [along] the street seven rods one foot. The garden on the west side along the road six rods, nine feet long; on the north side by the road four rods, seven feet; on the east by the river seven rods and five feet; and on the south side again on Abraham Staets's [alley] five rods, five feet. Which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance by her deceased husband, received from Harme Rutgers under date of the 31st of May 1675,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging herself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving full power to the aforementioned Sybrant Goosense van Schayk, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid half of the brewery, lot and garden as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and in umbrances according to law and further

<sup>1</sup> This patent was in reality issued to Volkert Jansen Douw and Harmen Rutgers, then in occupation of the property, though Jan Thomassen still owned a half interest in it. See the latter's conveyance to Harmen Rutgers, March 28, 1673, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:111, where Jan Thomassen is by mistake called "Mingael," instead of "Witbeck." See also p. 112 for diagram of the lot conveyed.

<sup>2</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:114.

nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto either by or without resorting to law in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 12th of November 1681.

ANNETGE LIEVENS

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Pieter Lassingh to Sybrant van Schaick for his half of the brewery, lot and garden possessed in company with Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick**

[134] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessels, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Pt. Lassingh, who declares that he grants and conveys in true, rightful and free ownership by these presents, in real and actual possession to and for the behoof of Sybrant Goosense Van Schayk, his, the subscriber's, half brewery, lot and garden, as he, the grantor, has possessed the same in company with Goose Gerritse, deceased, according to patent by Jan Thomase and Volkert Janse received from the Honorable Governor François Lovelace under date of the 24th of March 1668,<sup>1</sup> and is according to the contents thereof in breadth on the east side or highway six rods, nine feet, ten inches; length on the south side by the alley of Abraham Staets five rods and eleven feet; west also bounded by Abraham Staets six rods and five feet; on the north side [along] the street seven rods, one foot. The garden bounded on the west side along the road in length six rods, nine feet; on the north side by the road four rods, seven feet; east by the river seven rods and five feet, on the south side again on Abraham Staets [alley] five rods and five feet. Which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance by him received from Harme Rutgers, under date of the 31st May 1675, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Sybrant Goosense van Schayk to do with

<sup>1</sup> See note to preceding instrument.



and dispose of the aforesaid half brewery lot, and garden as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, either by or without resorting to law, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 12th of November 1681.

PIETTER PIETTERSEN LASSIN

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. Johannes Clute to Johan Friese (Vries) for a parcel of land behind Friese's house**

[135] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Johannes Clute, who declared that in true, rightful and free ownership he grants, conveys and makes over in actual and real possession to and for the behoof of Johannes Vries,<sup>1</sup> burgher of this town a certain parcel of land situated behind the house and lot of said grantee, lying between the houses of him, the grantor, and Marte Cregier; the lot which said Johannes Clute conveys to Johannes Vreese is in length thirty wood feet and as broad as the grantee's house and lot made over to him by the grantor the 27th of March 1680,<sup>2</sup> that is sixteen feet, one inch, wood measure and lying to the east of said De Vreese and to the west and north of him, the grantor, and south of Marte Cregier; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance by him received from Jan Lansingh, under date of the 10th of April 1670,<sup>3</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Johannes Vreese, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid parcel of

<sup>1</sup> See his signature to next document.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 72.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 38-39.

land as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 14th of November 1681.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

ROB. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond and mortgage of Capt. Johannes Clute to Johan Friese (Vries) with satisfaction of mortgage by Captain Clute's nephew**

[136] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, Secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Capt. Johannes Cloet, who declared himself to be indebted and in arrears to Johannes Vriese, burgher of this town, in the quantity of twenty five good, salable beaver skins at five quarter Dutch pounds apiece, which aforesaid sum of twenty-five beavers, or if the subscriber has no mercantile beavers thirty-one and a quarter pounds Dutch weight instead, the subscriber promises to pay to Johannes Vriese or order in the time of three years after the date hereof: for which the subscriber specially binds a parcel of land lying behind the house and lot of said Vriese, being in breadth sixteen feet and one inch wood measure and as long as the subscriber's lot extends, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, for the recovery of the aforesaid amount without loss or costs. Done in Albany, the 14th of November 1681.

JOHANNES CLUTE

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

ROB. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

I, the undersigned, Johan Vries, a knowledge and declare that I have duly received the contents of the aforesaid bond or mortgage

in the form of twenty-five beavers by the hand of Johan Cloet, nephew and heir of Capt. Johannes Cloet, deceased, releasing him from all further demands. Albany the 11th of June 1680.

JOHAN FRIESE

Testes:

Jan Jansz Bleecker

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, Cl

**Deed from Annetje van Schaick, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, to Anthony van Schaick for land at Half Moon (not executed)**

[137] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Annetie van Schayk, widow of the late Goose Gerritse van Schayk who declared that in true, rightful and free ownership she grants, conveys and makes over hereby in real and actual possession to and for the behoof of Anthonic Goosense van Schayk her farm lying on the Island of Cahoos and all her right therein, as well lands, house, barn and ricks as also her rights in land lying above the fourth *Spruyt*,<sup>1</sup> excepting the farm of Harman Lievense, the farm of Jan van Ness, the farm of Barent Albertse Bratt, the farm of Geurt Hendrix and the farm of Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant and likewise the farm of Roeloff Gerritse; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of a patent granted to Phil: Pieterse Schuyler and her husband, deceased, in company, by the late Governor General François Lovelace under date of the 30th of March 1672, which Phil: Shuyler's half was conveyed to her, the grantor, on the 12th of July 1681, to all of which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that she is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Shayk, his heirs, successors or assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid farm, house, barn, ricks and other land lying over the fourth *spruyt* to her, the grantor, heretofore belonging, together with all rights and privileges which she has had therein (excepting the six farms of the aforesaid six persons).

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "sprout," referring to a branch or fork of the Mohawk river.

as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 17th November 1681.

It is specially stipulated between the grantor and the grantee before the signing of this conveyance that if the Indians shall make any claims to any of the aforesaid lands, whether due to hostile feeling or otherwise, or if any other persons shall make any pretensions thereto, Anthl. van Shayk shall save said Annetje van Shayk harmless and take all such charges upon himself she, the grantor, now renouncing her interest therein.<sup>1</sup>

**Deed from Robert Sanders to Pieter Pietersen van Woggelum for a piece of woodland to the south of Piskawen kill**

138 blank; 139 Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schaehechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Robert Sanders, who declared that he conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Pieter Pieterse van Woggelum a certain piece of woodland into which extends a certain swamp,<sup>2</sup> the same being the whole of the said grantor's interest on the south side of Piskawen kill; which he conveys to said P<sup>r</sup>. Pieterse, so that said kill is now their division line; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to him granted by the Honorable Governor General Sir Edmund Andross, dated the 22d day of March 1672;<sup>3</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), and without the grantor's making any further claim thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenum actum cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Pieter Pieters van Woggelum, his heirs, successors or assigns, to do with

<sup>1</sup> The deed is cancelled and underecally written: "This conveyance was written now the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 1682."  
*Archives of the State of New York*, vol. 11.

<sup>2</sup> A stream between Troy and Lansingburg, N. Y.

<sup>3</sup> This should be the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 1680, when a patent was granted to Robert Sanders for the certain piece of woodland lying on the East side of the North River of Albany to the South of Robert Sanders Farm or Blower, called the "patent of Piskawick which's Land" as also a Small Island in the river commonly known by the name of the whole being Island, was granted in the name of the Native Indian Peter van der Seeck, Dutch name of the said Indian, 27-28.

and dispose of the aforesaid piece of woodland lying on the south side of Pi-skawen kill, as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful liens, claims and incumbrances and further nevermore to do, nor cause anything to be done, contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 19th of December 1681.

ROBERT SANDERSZ

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Mohawk sachems to Jan Mangelse for a piece of woodland at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[140] On this day the 4th of March 168½ appeared before their honors of the court of Albany the following Maquas chiefs, to wit, Rhode, sachem (*Sakamaker*) of the first Castle, Sagoddiochquisax of the second Castle and Todarasse who takes the place of Caniackkoo, his grandfather, deceased, who in accordance with the declaration of the Maquas sachems to the proposition made the 2d of this month, declared that out of good friendship and affection they granted, conveyed and made over by way of gift to Jan Mangelse a certain piece of woodland on which some bushes (*Stravellen*) stand, lying near Canastagioene on the other side of the river, extending up the river, beginning from the uppermost end of Ryk Claese's land where the tree is marked with the mark of Harme Vedder and Barent Ryndertse and stretches along the river over a certain kill named by them Otskondaraogoo, which they also together with the water course convey to him, and further on to a large black bark oak tree, on which the mark of the grantors and the mark or name of Jan Mangelse have been put, and stretches northward up into the woods so far as said Jan Mangelse or his heirs shall have occasion to use the same whether for arable or pasture land as he shall think best; which they, the grantors, do free and unincumbered as they have possessed the same, with all appurtenances and dependencies thereto belonging, giving him herewith full power to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land and kill as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, relinquishing said land henceforth now and forever, conveying the same fully to the said Jan Mangelse, his heirs, successors or assigns,

promising nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, with or without legal process. Thus done and confirmed with our signatures on the date above written in Albany.

	The mark X of TÔDARASSE, made with his own hand. The snake.
In presence of us:	The mark X of Rhode, made with his own hand. A woman.
<i>Corn. van Dyck</i>	
<i>Dirck Wesselsz</i>	The mark X of SAGODDIOCHQUISAX, made with his own hand. The Sun.
<i>Joh<sup>s</sup>. Provoost</i>	
<i>Jan Jansz Bleecker</i>	Interpreted by AERN <sup>t</sup> . CORNELISE VIELE.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Mohawk sachems to Claes van Boeckhoven for a piece of woodland at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)

[141] On this 4th day of March 168½ the following Maquase chiefs [appeared] in presence of the court of Albany, to wit, Rhode, sachem of the first Castle, Saggoddiochquisax of the second Castle and Todovasse, whose grandfather was Caniackkoo, also of the first Castle, acting in the name of the whole Maquas nation, who declared that they had granted to Claes van Boekhooven<sup>1</sup> certain privileges in addition to [those set forth in the deed of] purchase of the land belonging to him, sold to Barent Ryndertse and Harme Vedder under date of the <sup>20 July</sup><sub>5 Aug</sub> 1667,<sup>2</sup> wherein it was stipulated that they should use the woodland with their neighbors as a pasture for their cattle. But now they declare that they grant and convey to him, Claes van Boekhoven, and to those who acquired his right or participate therein, the woodland and meadow (τλγ) lying northwards within the limits of the two trees marked with the mark of Bar<sup>t</sup>. Ryndertse and Harme Vedder, to cultivate, plant, pasture and use the same as he or they may see fit, only reserving the right of the Maquas to have free wood and hunting there without contradiction; conveying and making over said land in true and lawful ownership to said Claes van Boekhooven and his associates or participants, their heirs and successors forever, wholly relinquishing all claims

<sup>1</sup> Also referred to as Claes Jansen van Bockhoven, and Claes de Braebander.

<sup>2</sup> No record of this Indian deed is found, nor does there seem to be any record of the patent of May 10, 1671, to Harmen Vedder and Barent Reyndertsen, referred to in the deed from the latter to Claes van Boeckhoven and Ryck Claessen, October 31, 1677, for which see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:166-67.

on said woodland and meadow (wley) excepting only firewood and free hunting as above specified, promising in their capacity aforesaid nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Thus done and confirmed with our signatures in Albany on the day aforesaid.

In presence of us:

*Corn. van Dyck*

*Dierck Wesselsz*

*Joh: Provoost*

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

The mark of X THORASSE, made with his own hand. The snake.

The mark of X SAGODIHOCHUISAX. The sun.

The mark of X ROLE, made with his own hand. Is a woman.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Interpreted by AERN<sup>t</sup>. CORN: VIFLE.

**Lease of land at Catskill from Cornelis van Dyck, husband and guardian of the widow of Silvester Salisbury, to Andries Jansen and Hendrick Jansen**

[142] On this 23d day of March 1681, appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, etc., and the afternamed witnesses, Mr Cornelis van Dyk, husband and guardian of Elisabeth Beek, late widow of Capt. Silvester Salisbury, of the one side, and Andries Janse, eldest son of Jan Thomase, and Hendrik Janse, his brother, of the other side, who declared that in all love and friendship they had contracted and agreed with each other about the hire of his, van Dyk's, just half of and claim to the arable land at Catskill held jointly with Marte Gerritse,<sup>1</sup> in form and manner following, to wit:

1 The said Mr Cornelis van Dyck acknowledges that he has leased and Andries and Hendrik Janse aforesaid that they have hired of him his half of the arable land lying in Katskill, consisting of the half of two flats, viz. the first where Ger<sup>t</sup>. Teunise lives and the second called Potick, and that for the time of ten successive years which shall begin on the first of May 1682 and end the first of May 1692, new style.

2 The lessee may cultivate, plant and sow said land during the term of said lease to his profit.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Deed from Catskill and Mahikan Indians, July 8, 1678.

3 In case of a general war, which may God avert, the damage shall fall wholly upon the lessor during the first eight years, but if the lessor shall bear the risk for the last two years also, then the lessee shall pay rent or hire for said land according to the decision of two impartial persons, always with the understanding that it shall be left to the lessee's choice to bear the risk, in which case he shall be free from rent; furthermore, other accidents such as fire, etc. shall be wholly at the risk of the lessee.

4 The lessor shall deliver upon the said land, four milch cows and four draught horses, to wit, three mares and one stallion, one-half the increase of which shall belong to each party but so soon as there shall be an increase of eight cows, the lessor's half, to wit, four cows, shall remain with the first delivered cows, making the [143] number of eight milch cows, the half of the increase of which the parties shall thereafter receive; which number as likewise the horses shall be delivered up at the end of the lease.

5 The lessee shall not be permitted to sow more than forty skipples of winter wheat the last year, one-half of which shall be the lessor's and the remaining half he or the following lessee shall have at the valuation placed upon it by impartial persons; he, the lessee, shall also have no right to sell, remove or carry away any increase of the horses or cattle without consent of the lessor.

6 As rental of the said land, the said And: and Hendrik Janse, at the end of ten years, shall deliver a proper dwelling house of twenty-two and a half feet square, covered with shingles and having a stone cellar as large as the house, which house shall be delivered over, glass, roof, floor, and wall, tight; likewise a barn of fifty-two and a half feet long and as wide as the barn which Marte Gerritse has built there which they shall deliver over in substantial and good repair as to wall and roof; with a proper protecting fence about the arable land, that is to say about the half of the nearest land, according to the judgment of impartial persons; likewise to plant an orchard which must consist of two hundred fruit trees, but the lessor is holden to furnish the trees, which they at the end of the lease must deliver over in a good fence; also a good fence about the homestead; in like manner as a yearly quit rent 25 pounds of butter to commence in May 1683.

7 The lessees shall cut and dig out all the useless trees and stumps of the nearest land which may in any way hinder the plowing and planting.



8 It is further stipulated that the lessees shall have the half of the land of Potick during the aforementioned term of the lease, for which they shall pay to the lessor yearly the quantity of fifty skip-ples of wheat or a hundred skipples of maize at the option of the lessees, but if the lessees do not desire to hold said land Potek any longer they shall be released from this obligation.

[144] For the performance and execution of the aforesaid conditions the lessees bind their persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges.

Thus done in the presence of Mr Jan Janse Bleecker and Jacob Sanders Glenn, called as witnesses hereto, in Albany on the date above written.

Testes:

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

*Jacob Sand: Glen*

CORNELIS VAN DYCK

ANDRIES JANSE

HENDRICK JANSEN

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Deed from William Loveridge, senior, to Jacob Staas for two houses and lots in Albany

[145] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaeenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Blecker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr William Loveridge, senior, hatter, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Jacob Staas certain, the grantor's, two houses and lots standing and lying here in Albany, between the town hall (*Stadthuys*) and the house of Cornet Pieter Schuyler: the large house is in breadth in front on the street forty wood feet, three and a half inches, and in the rear at the end of the lot of the small house thirty wood feet, and in the rear on the river bank (*strant*) in breadth twenty-eight wood feet, and in length to the river bank, which house and lot are situated to the north of the town hall; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Pieter Jacobse Borsboom on the 30th of September 1671,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; the adjoining house is in breadth on the street twenty-four wood feet, length back fifty-five feet, breadth [in the rear]

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:388-8.

eight feet, which house and lot lies between the large house specified above and Cornet Pieter Schuyler; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Arent Jacobse, dated the 8th of March 1673;<sup>1</sup> it is to be noted also that the honorable grantor likewise grants his rights in a few feet of ground bought by P<sup>r</sup>. Jacobse Borsboom of Sander Leendertse, which is also comprehended herein, and extending likewise to the King's house [town hall]; all free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power [146] to the aforementioned Jacob Staas, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid two houses and lots as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, this 17th of May 1682.

WILLIAM LOVERIDGE

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond of Pieter Meussen Vrooman, husband of the widow of Gerit Jansen Stavast, to Hendrick Cuyler, attorney for the heirs of Michiel Lambertsen van Bree, for the payment of one hundred beavers in settlement of a debt due by said Stavast to Van Bree, Jacob Meussen Vrooman mortgaging his house as security; with satisfaction of mortgage**

[147] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Mr Hendrik Cuyler, trader and resident here, who with Mr Abraham d'Peyster was made attorney at Haerlem in Holland of the heirs of Michiel Lambertse van Bree in a certain action of debt respecting some pieces of linen bought

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:178-79.

by Ger<sup>t</sup>. Janse Stavast there of said Van Bree, for which said Ger<sup>t</sup>. Janse Stavast on the 30th November 1661 gave a promissory note in the sum of fourteen hundred and thirty-one Carolus guilders, one stiver, at 40 Flemish groats the guilder, with interest at six per cent to the final and effectual payment thereof, on which said Van Bree obtained judgment in the year 1663 on the 27th of January, the aforesaid Ger<sup>t</sup>. Janse Stavast and his wife Volkje Pieterse being here in this country, where said Ger<sup>t</sup>. Janse Stavast died and the said Volkje Pieterse, his widow a second time entered into wedlock with a certain Pieter Meuse Vrooman; the aforesaid judgment with power of attorney to the aforesaid Hend: Cuyler and Abraham d'Peyster having meanwhile arrived here, said attorneys brought suit against the aforesaid Pieter Meuse by virtue of his marriage relation, but the matter being yet undecided, they have in love and friendship agreed and contracted together that the aforesaid Pieter Meuse Vrooman shall pay to the aforesaid Hend: Cuyler or order the sum of one hundred merchantable beavers or the just value thereof, whether in beavers, seawan, silver money, or wheat at market price, to be paid in four payments, each time a fourth part, to wit, anno 1682, in the month of September, the first; anno 1683 the second and so on every year until the effectual payment thereof, and the last payment being made said Kuyler [148] promises said Pieter Meuse Vrooman or his assigns to put said promissory note and judgment in their hands and duly to release him from all further claims; for which payment of one hundred beavers aforesaid Jacob Meuse Vrooman constitutes himself surety as principal debtor, for the aforesaid P<sup>r</sup>. Meuse Vrooman, promising all failures in the payment of the aforesaid sum which may happen to make good and pay as his own debt, for which he specially binds his, Jacob Meuse's, new house standing and lying here in Albany on the *Cocontract* (Cow street) between Hans Hendrix and Barent the miller's except that those who have any claims on said lot shall be preferred, the same being not yet fully paid for, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges; for security of which debt, and for the freeing of him from all harm, Peter Meuse Vrooman on the other hand pledges to his brother Jacob Meuse Vrooman specially and in the most permanent manner conveys and makes over all the movable goods mentioned in the inventory made by the sheriff under date of the 13th of May last by order of the court in

the form of an attachment in the matter aforesaid, which by four good men nominated by the court were appraised at f691 in beavers; likewise he, Pieter Meuse Vrooman, pledges and fully conveys hereby to his brother Jacob Meuse Vrooman, all his account book, with all the outstanding debts and credits therein contained, without any reservation or exception whatever [149] but delivering over the same to him, Jacob Meuse, fully with the aforesaid inventory and the goods therein specified, together with all the effects and goods which he, P<sup>r</sup>. Meuse, may acquire, as well having as to have, nothing excepted, submitting the same in full ownership of Jacob Meuse Vrooman aforesaid, even as if they were his own patrimonial goods and effects, which transfer of said mentioned goods, books and other effects to be acquired shall be directed to the effectual payment of the aforesaid hundred beavers. Thus done without fraud, all honestly and in good faith with the consent of the said Mr Hend: Cuyler, P<sup>r</sup>. Meuse and Jacob Meuse Vrooman, an instrument hereof *in debita forma* is drawn up and executed within the town of Albany in America on the 10th June 1682.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

HENDRICK COYLER  
PIETER MEESEN VROOMAN  
JACOB MEESE VROOMAN

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Memorandum— that on the 17th August 1686 Hendrik Cuyler came before the secretary and declared that he had received full satisfaction and payment of the hundred beavers comprehended in the aforesaid instrument, to wit twenty-five beavers, being the first payment of P<sup>r</sup>. Meese Vrooman and the remaining three payments of seventy-five beavers in full of Jacob Meese Vrooman also mentioned as surety in said instrument, therefore freeing them, their heirs, executors and administrators, from all claims by these presents. In witness whereof signed with his own hand in Albany on the date above written.

HENDRICK COYLER

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jan van Eps, representing the heirs of Maritje Damen, to Harmānus Burgersen for a garden without the town of Albany behind the old fort**

[150] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schænhlechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jan van Eps, son of Maritie Daeme, deceased, empowered by Ger<sup>t</sup>. Banker and Marte Cregier, also heirs of said Maritje Daeme and hereby declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Harmānus Burgerse a certain garden lying without the town of Albany behind the old fort, adjoining south by east the public road, to the west the pasture formerly belonging to Capt. Jan Cloet and now to Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders and Mynd<sup>l</sup>. Harmense,<sup>1</sup> to the north the garden of Evert Luycasse close by lot No. 26, being in breadth five rods and in length seven rods; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the patent granted to Cornelis van Ness, husband and guardian of the late Maritje Daeme, by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls the 27th of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without his, the grantor's, having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Harmānus Burgerse, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid garden as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor to cause anything to be done contrary hereto

<sup>1</sup> Probably a son of the well-known surgeon Harmen Myndertsen van den Bogaert.

<sup>2</sup> This was a confirmation of a grant by Director General Stuyvesant to Michiel Reyckersen for "another Lott and Garden, in the 5<sup>d</sup> Town bounded by the south and East by the common waggon way west by the Plaine, & north by Jacob Clomps near to the Lott No. 26 being in breadth five Rod & in length seaven Rod which 8<sup>d</sup> Patent or Groundbriefe so granted as afores<sup>d</sup> bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Octob. 1653 having been purchased by Hendrick Andriesen deceased & Cornelys van Nesse being married to Marrison Dameus [Damens] his widow & Relict whereby the Title & Interest thereunto is devolved upon him." The first husband of Maritie Damen was Dirk van Eps.

in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 3d of July 1682.

JAN VAN EPS

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Harmanus Burgersen to Robert Sanders and Myndert Harmensen for a garden without the town of Albany, conveyed to him by the heirs of Marritje Damen**

[151] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Harmanus Borge-se, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Robert Sanders and Myndert Harmense a certain garden lying without the town of Albany behind the old fort, adjoining southeast the public road, west the pasture formerly belonging to Capt. Jan Cloete and now to Ro<sup>t</sup>. Sanders and Mynd<sup>t</sup>. Harmense aforementioned, north the garden of Evert Luycasse, close by lot No. 20, being in breadth five rods and in length seven rods; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him this day from the heirs of Maritje Daeme, deceased; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Ro<sup>t</sup>. Sanders and Mynd<sup>t</sup>. Harmense, their heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid garden as they could do with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 3d of July 1682.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

This is the mark MB of MANUS  
BORGERSE made with his own hand

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Esopus Indians to William Loveridge, senior, for land  
at Catskill**

[152] Appeared before us the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schimnechtady, etc. the following Esopus Indians, owners of a certain parcel of land lying at Cat-skill, viz, Wannachquatin, an old Indian; Mannanauchqua, a squaw, and her son Cumpwaen; and Usawanneek *alias* S[c]heele (Cross-eyed) Jacob, and Wanninmauwa, Taw-wequanis, Anna-neke, and Nakteemoot, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr William Loveridge, senior, batter, all their rights in a certain parcel of woodland lying at Catskill, extending from the mouth of the kill where his, Loveridge's, house and barn stand southward along the North *alias* Hudson's river to the middle of the great bend (*Imbocht*) where the trees are marked W — and runs from the river up westward to where one comes to a fall on the Kaeters kill, named Qwatawiehnaak, and so along the east side of the Caeterskill to where the same empties into the Catskill and so along the Catskill to the house and barn of W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge aforesaid and so to the great river; with all the kills, creeks, flats, appurtenances and dependencies thereof, excepting the arable land which said Loveridge bought of Jan Conell wherefor a patent has already been granted, which they, the grantors, do by virtue of being the rightful proprietors and owners of the aforesaid lands, saving that they stipulate that Mahak Niminaw, sachem of Catskill, shall have when he comes home two pieces of duffel and six cans of rum; conveying said land free and unincumbered without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors' having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that they have received therefor to their content the following goods in the presence of the court, to wit, three guns, three kettles, two pistols, three coverlets, three pieces of duffel, three pieces of strouding, three shirts, three pairs of stockings, ten fathoms of seawan half white and half black, two ankers of rum, two swords, three knives, three axes, six handfuls of powder, six bars of lead, three adzes, and a half cask of good beer, giving therefore full power to the aforesaid W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge, his heirs and successors, or his assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid woodland, kills, creeks, etc. as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all

trouble, claims and incumbrances which may arise either from Christians or Indians; and as Dirk Teunise Teunise<sup>1</sup> makes some claim to a piece of land within said limits lying on the point by the river called Uylespiegel's land, therefore, W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge declares before the court that if he [Teunise] can make good his claim, he [Loveridge] will gladly yield it up, otherwise, if Dirk Teunise wishes to hold said land, he shall be bound to pay therefor pro rata as he [Loveridge] pays for the whole lot; further the Indians declared that they nevermore would do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany in the court house on the 19th of July 1682 and subscribed by all the owners thus:

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

The mark X of WANNACHQUATIN,  
the old indian

The mark X of MAMANAUCHQUA, the  
old squaw

The mark X of CU[N]PUWAEN

The mark X of USAWANNEEK

The mark X of WANNINMAUWAA, a  
squaw

The mark X of TAW-WEQUANIS, a  
squaw

The mark X of ANNANEKE, an  
Indian

The mark X of NAKTEMOOT, a squaw

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Gerrit Visbeeck to Thomas Davidtsen Kikebel for a  
house and lot opposite the church**

[154] Appeared before me Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinmechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Gerrit Visbeeck, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Thomas Davidtse Kikebull a certain house and lot standing and lying in this place over against the church, next the house of Major Abraham Staas, which lot extends northward to the fence of said Staas and southward as broad as the house is

<sup>1</sup> Thus in the original.



long; the length is as far as the fence stands and as the patent mentions; together with the garden over the town's palisades lying in the rear thereof as the same was inclosed; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to his predecessor (*voorsact*)<sup>1</sup> Jan Franse van Hoesse, granted by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated the 11th of May 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Thomas Davidtse Kikebull, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot and garden as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 1st of August 1682.

GERRIT VISBEECK

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> This would seem to indicate that Gerrit Visbeeck married Van Hoesen's widow, Volkje Juriaens. Cf. *Early Records of Albany*, 1:411.

<sup>2</sup> May 11, 1667, Jan Fransen van Hoesen received a confirmatory patent for two lots of ground at Albany, one "having to the South and West sides the waggon way to the North Hendrick Jansen Westerkamp and to the East a certain way that goes between the Garden and the Lott conteyning in breadth before towards the way four Rod, & six foot and behind five Rod and five foot. In length on the North side eleaven Rod, two foot and on the South tenn Rod nine foot," granted to him April 23, 1652, and the other "a certain Lott of Ground and Garden lying in the Towne aforementioned towards the River to the East of the Lott where his House stands having on the North side Hendrick Westercamps on the West, East, & South the Common highway being in breadth on the West side three Rod and five foot and on the East three Rod eight foot and a halfe, in length on the North, & South seaven Rod, three foot and a halfe on each side," granted to him by patent dated October 25, 1653. Both lots were apparently in what is known as the Exchange block, on the northeast corner of State street and Broadway. See diagrams in Munsell's *Collections*, 4:195. The town's palisades, mentioned in the deed, refer to the stockade on the river side.

Deed from Anna Wymans Kikebel, attorney for her husband, Thomas Davidtsen Kikebel, to Dirck Bensing for a house and lot opposite the church in Albany, conveyed to her husband by Gerrit Visbeeck

[155] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Madam Anna Kikebull, wife of Thomas Davidts Kikebull, who showed a power of attorney from her husband of date the 21st of July 1682, written by the notary public W<sup>m</sup>. Bogardus, whereby she was authorized to convey to Dirk Bensing a certain house and lot, in virtue of which she declared, etc., that she granted and made over to and for the behoof of said Dirk Bensing a certain house and lot standing and lying in this place over against the church next the house of Major Abraham Staets, which lot extends northward to the fence of said Staets and southward in breadth as the house is long, in length as far as the fence stands and as the patent mentions, together with the garden over the town's palisades lying in the rear thereof, as the same was inclosed; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by her husband this day from Ger<sup>t</sup>. Visbeeck, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor, in the capacity aforesaid, having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging herself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Dirk Bensing to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 1st of August 1682.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

ANNA WYMANS *alias* KIKEBEL<sup>1</sup>

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> She was a daughter of Domine Gideon Schaets; see E. B. O'Callaghan, *History of New Netherland*, 2:568.

**Mutual release between Pieter Davidsen Schuyler, husband of the widow of Gerrit van Schaick, and Annetje Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, of all claims and demands growing out of said Gerrit van Schaick's interest in his father's and mother's estates**

[156] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady and in presence of the Honorable Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Peter Davidtse Schuyler, husband and guardian of his wife Alida van Slichtenhorst, late widow of Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Schayk, deceased, son of Goose Gerritse, deceased, by his first wife, who declared that he was fully paid and satisfied by Annetje Lievens, widow of Goose Gerritse, deceased, for all dues and claims by virtue of inheritance and bequest to which his predecessor, Gerrit van Schayk, was entitled out of his father's estate (he having received his mother's inheritance during his lifetime), therefore releasing the aforesaid widow, Annetje Lievens, her heirs or successors, from all claims and demands on account of his predecessor's (*voorsacts*) father's or mother's estate, fully relinquishing hereby all interest therein and on the other hand the widow Annetje Schayk declares that she has received full satisfaction from Pt. Davidtse Schuyler for all claims and demands which she made against his predecessor Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Schayk, the same being fully settled and liquidated from the beginning of the world to this date. Done in Albany without craft or guile on this 7th of August 1682.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

PIETER DAEVITSEN  
ANNETGE LIEVENS

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Annetje Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, to Anthony van Schaick for her farm on Cohoes island**

[157] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Annetje Lievens, widow of the late Goose Gerritse van Schayk, who declared that she grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership hereby in real and actual possession to and for the behoof of Anthony Goosense van Schayk, her, the grantor's farm lying on the island of Cahoes and all her rights therein, as well lands, house, barn and ricks, as all her

rights in the lands which lie above the fourth *spruyt*,<sup>1</sup> excepting the farm of Harmen Lievese, the farm of Jan van Ness, the farm of Barent Albertse Bratt, the farm of Geurt Hendrix, the farm of Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant and the farm of Roeloff Gerritse, which she, the grantor, does by virtue of a patent granted jointly to Phil: Pieterse Schuyler and her husband, deceased, by the late Governor General François Lovelace, of date the 30th of March 1672,<sup>2</sup> of which Phil: Schuyler's half was conveyed to her, the grantor, on the 12th of July 1681, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging herself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schayk, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid farm, houses, barn, rick, and other lands lying over the fourth *spruyt* to her, the grantor, heretofore belonging, together with all rights and privileges mentioned in the aforesaid patent given to Phillip Schuyler and Goose Gerritse Schayk, deceased, of date the 30th of March 1672 (excepting the six farms of the aforesaid six persons) as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 9th of August 1682.

ANNETTE LIEVENS

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Anthony van Schaick to Sybrant van Schaick and Pieter Schuyler for a piece of meadow land at Half Moon**

[158] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Anthony Goosense van Schayk who

<sup>1</sup> Literally "sprout," referring to a branch or fork of the Mohawk river.

<sup>2</sup> See note on p. 132.

declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of his brother Zybrant van Schayk and Pieter Schuyler a certain meadow [*zylve Lants*] lying in the Halve Maen,<sup>1</sup> between the kill which separates the land of Jan Jacobse and Roeloff Gerritse and the Modder kill,<sup>2</sup> having to the west the common woods and to the east the fence of Jan van Ness, Harme Livese, Barent Albertse Bratt and Geurt Hendrix, together with the woodland lying between the aforementioned two kills for a range for their cattle with others living there, also free range for their cattle in the woods westward and northward, on condition that Jan van Ness, Harme Lievese, Barent Albertse Bratt and Geurt Heyndrix shall also have free range for their cattle in the woods according to their [bill of] purchase or contract with Annetje Levens, widow of Goose Gerritse, deceased: which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a certain conveyance received by him today from Annetje Levens, widow of Goose Gerritse van Schayk, deceased, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Sybrant Goosense van Schayk and Pieter Schuyler, their heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid meadow as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law, and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 24th of August 1682.

ANTONY VAN SCHMICK

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

RO<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

N. B. So far liquidated as to the conveyance money (*Transf' gelt*).

<sup>1</sup> Half Moon; about 15 miles north of Albany.

<sup>2</sup> Literally, "Mud kill," now called Mudder kill.

**Contract of sale between Pieter Bosie and Jan Jacobsen Gardener for land on the south side of Kinderhook creek together with Bosie's cattle and household effects**

[159] Appeared before me, Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in the presence of the afternamed magistrates, Peter Bosie of the one side and Jan Jacobse Gardener of the other side, who declared that they had contracted with each other respecting the purchase of his, P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie's land and property in manner following:

First, P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie acknowledges that he has sold to Jan Jacobse Gardener, and Jan Jacobse that he has bought of him, all his, Peeter Bosie's, rights in the land which he bought of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Jacobse, consisting of a large flat whereof a part is inclosed and a small flat of about two morgens, lying at Kinderhoek, on the south side of the Kinderhoek kill, together with all his horses, cattle, farming tools, household furniture, etc., according to inventory thereof made by Jacob Abr: Vosburgh, constable, and Jochem Lambertse, nothing in the world excepted or reserved excepting his winter wheat raised this year, one ox, two hogs and the clothing and bedding of himself and wife and children, with an empty chest, but all the rest, Jan Jacobs has bought of P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie; which land and movable goods shall be at once delivered over to the buyer, for which the buyer promises to pay the seller the quantity of three hundred good, merchantable beaver skins reckoned at 8 gl. apiece, in 4 instalments, each time a just fourth part, to wit, seventy-five beavers in the summer of 1683, seventy-five beavers in the summer of 1684, seventy-five beavers in the summer of 1685, and the last fourth part being seventy-five beavers in the summer of 1686, which aforesaid 300 beavers the buyer can pay in silver, wheat, seawan, peas or boards, all according to the just value of a merchantable beaver of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. Dutch, and if the buyer deliver boards he shall be holden to deliver the same in the summer on the river bank that they may be transported in boats, always with the understanding that the same must be good salable inch boards, and a boat load be delivered at a time and if he deliver beavers, silver, seawan, wheat, or peas, he shall be holden to deliver the same here in this place, all according to the just value of a beaver, but shall have respite till December 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, every time a just fourth part of the aforesaid purchase money.

And as the seller has so far no conveyance for the aforesaid land, Mr Jan van Loon, mastersmith of this place, binds himself that said land shall be conveyed [160] free and unincumbered on the

last payment and for the payment of said three hundred beavers Jan Jacobse Gardenier hereby specially binds the aforementioned land consisting of two flats, his house and sawmill and gristmill, together with his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges for the payment without loss or costs of said 300 beavers. Done in Albany without craft or guile in presence of Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates called as witnesses hereto, on the 2d of October Anno Domini 1682.

The mark X of P<sup>r</sup>. BOSIE, made with his own hand.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

JAN JACOBSE GAARDENIER  
JAN VAN LOON

In my presence,  
Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Bond of Pieter Bosie to Robert Livingston for the payment of  
128 skipples of wheat**

[161] Appeared before us, Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Corn<sup>r</sup>. van Dyk, magistrates of the jurisdiction of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, etc., Pieter Bosie, who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Robert Livingston in the quantity of one hundred and twenty-eight skipples of wheat growing out of merchandise received and money advanced to his satisfaction, for a portion of which, to wit, one hundred and twenty-five skipples of wheat, 15 stivers, he has already given an obligation of date the 8th of March 1682, which quantity of one hundred and twenty-eight skipples of wheat the subscriber [promises to pay] to the aforesaid Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, his heirs, successors, or assigns, in the time of one month: for which the subscriber specially binds two piles of wheat standing on the land that he today sold to Jan Jacobse and if said two piles of wheat shall not cover the amount then the first payment on his land sold shall be said Ro<sup>t</sup>. Livingston's security for the final and effectual payment of said 128 skipples of wheat; furthermore the subscriber binds his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges to secure the payment without loss or costs. Done in Albany the 2d of October 1682.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

The mark X of P<sup>r</sup>. BOSIE, made with his own hand.

**Deed from Joachim Staets, attorney for Cornelis Steenwyck, to Jacob Tyssen van der Heyden for a lot on Jonker street at Albany**

[162] Appeared before me Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleecker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr Jochim Staets, attorney for Mr Cornelis Steenwyck, as appears by power of attorney dated July 1, 1682, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over to and for the behoof of Jacob Tyse van d<sup>e</sup>. Heyden a certain lot lying here in Albany whereon stood a certain house burnt down in November 1681, which said Jacob Tyse bought of Mr Steenwyck at vendue, the lot lying on Jonker street, on which Tenuis vander Poel is now building a house; having to the south and west the streets, to the north the house and lot of Hendrick Rooseboom, to the east the house of Jeronimus Wendel, in breadth in front on the street toward the south two rods, six feet and two inches, and in the rear two rods and three feet, in length on the east five rods, ten feet and four inches and toward the west on the street five rods and nine feet, Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jan Thomase, of date of the 14th of June 1678,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor, in the capacity aforesaid, having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jacob Tyse van der Heyden, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided therefor.

Done in Albany, the 4th of October 1682.

JOACHIM STAETS

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:185-6, where by mistake the name Mingael has been supplied, instead of Witbeck.



Deed from Adriaen Gerritsen van Papendorp, attorney for Barent Ryndersen, deceased, to Jochim Staets for a house and lot on Jonker street at Albany

[163] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, etc., in presence of the afternamed magistrates of Albany, etc., Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, the worthy Adriaen Gerritse van Papendorp in the capacity of special attorney for Barent Rynderse, deceased, to grant, convey and make over as by virtue of his capacity aforesaid he does hereby grant, convey and make over to Mr Jochim Staets, son-in-law of said Barent Ryndertse, deceased, a house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on Jonker street, where he, Staets, at present dwells, having to the west Ger<sup>t</sup>. Banker, to the east the house belonging to Annetje van Shayk and to the north the street,<sup>1</sup> being in breadth in front on the street two rods, four feet and a half and in the rear on the south side the same; length on the east and west sides ten rods and nine feet Rhineland measure; in like manner the attorney of Bar<sup>t</sup>. Rynderse conveys to Jochim Staets a garden lying on the Plain (*Pleyn*), being five rods square to the south of Harme Vedders and to the west Jan Hendrix Bruyn; which he, the grantor, in his capacity of attorney of Bar<sup>t</sup>. Ryndertse does by virtue of the patent granted to Barent Ryndertse by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls under date of the 30th of April 1667, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he has full power and authority to make over said house, lot and garden as above said, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Mr Jo him Staets, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house, lot and garden as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor

<sup>1</sup> *belendende ten westen Ger<sup>t</sup>. Banker ten oosten 't huys toebeknoord: Annetje van Shayk; & ten noorden 's heere Straet*; which seems to be correctly translated as above, though the patent of April 30, 1667, confirming the conveyance of July 17, 1650, from Barent Meyndersen to Barent Rynderse, reads: "being to the west of Gerrit Bancker, and to the East of Rutger Jacobsen." omitting the reference to the street. See also *Early Records of Albany*, 1:250, for conveyance of July 17, 1650.

cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 4th of October 1682.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

ADRIAEN GERRETSEN PAPENDURP

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from John De Lavall, administrator of the estate of Capt. Thomas De Lavall, to Jacobus van den Bulke, attorney of Pieter van den Bulke, confirming earlier deed from Thomas De Lavall to Daniel De Hondecoutre, agent of Pieter van Bulke, for two houses and a lot on Jonker street at Albany**

[165] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Johan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr John De Lavall, in capacity of executor<sup>1</sup> of his father Capt. Tho: De Lavall, deceased, in consequence of letters of administration to him granted by Capt. Anth<sup>o</sup>. Brockholes, commander-in-chief, of date the 25th of July 1682, who declared that he confirmed a certain conveyance of a house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, which by his late father was granted to Mr Daniel d'Hondecoutre, agent of Mr Peter van den Bulke, trader, at Leyden in Holland, under date of the 1st of August 1673,<sup>2</sup> to and for the behoof of Jacobius van Bulke in capacity as substitute for Johan van Twist, attorney of Mr Peter van den Bulke aforementioned, which substitution was approved by said Mr Peter van den Bulke at Leyden on the 30th of April 1682, as per instrument thereof shown to me, the secretary; which said house stands on Jonker street between the house of Peter Meuse Vroman and the house at present occupied by Joseph

<sup>1</sup> *Executor.*

<sup>2</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:105. The diagrams of lots on the south side of State street between Broadway and Green street, in Munsell's *Collections*, 4:187, identify this house and lot with the property conveyed on July 4, 1658, by Pieter Hartgers to Johannes Withart and for which Withart received a confirmatory patent on October 28, 1697. Though there is apparently no record of any conveyance from Withart to Thomas De Lavall, the identity of the property seems to be borne out by the statement in the deed of July 4, 1658, that Hartgers conveys to Withart the house "which the grantor built on a part of the lot granted to him on April 23, 1652," and the reference in the deed from Pieter Meesen Vrooman to Frederic Phillipse, May 6, 1676, to the "house that Mr. De Laval owned, and that Pieter Hartgers caused to be built." See *Mortgages*, 1:504-5; and *Early Records of Albany*, 1:124-25.

Yetts,<sup>1</sup> to the south the Rutten kill, to the north the street, together with the addition of the small house built on said lot next the large house by Capt. Tho: De Lavall; all which the subscriber, in capacity aforesaid, conveys to the aforementioned Jacobus van den Bulke, to be deducted from the money which Capt. Tho: De Lavall, deceased, owed to Daniel d'Hondecoudre, agent for Mr Peter van den Bulke, being appraised by two good men, chosen by both parties, to wit, Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty at the sum of one hundred and fifty-five beavers; all of which is granted and made over in consequence of a patent thereof,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having the least claim thereon, acknowledging that he has conveyed said house and lot with their appurtenances for said consideration of a reduction of moneys, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Mr Jacobus van den Bulke, attorney for Mr Peter van den Bulke, his father, or his assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid two houses and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law, and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 9th of October 1682.<sup>3</sup>

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

JOHN DE LAVALL  
*Executor of my father,*

THOMAS DE LAVALL

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> Joseph Yates.

<sup>2</sup> No record is found of any patent to Thomas De Lavall for a lot on State street. The statement may refer therefore to the patent to Johannes Withart of October 28, 1667, mentioned in the preceding note.

<sup>3</sup> December 24, 1684, Governor Thomas Dongan granted a confirmatory patent to "Jacobus Vanderbulke" for this house and lot, which are described as "scituated to the West of Peiter Meussen To the East of the house of Joseph Jeats bounded from the street to the Kill or Creeke commonly called by the name of Rutts Kill being in breadth by the street thirty nine foot and eight inches and behind the said Kill four Rood It being with a triangle behind the house and Lott of Joseph Jeaths."

Deed from Jannetje, widow of Thomas Powell, to Anthony  
Lespinard for a lot in Albany

[167] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jannetie, widow of Thomas Pawel, who declared that she grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Anthony Lespinard a certain lot lying here in Albany over against the house of Jacob Janse van Noorstrant, having to the east the lot of Frederik Phillips, to the west the lot heretofore belonging to Jan Dareth and now to Mr Cornelis van Dyk, to the south the lot of Adriaen Gerritse and to the north the street, in length east and west six rods and in breadth south and north three rods; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to her by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace under date of the 30th of May 1673,<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging herself to be fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Anth<sup>o</sup>. Lespinard, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 20th of February 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

. This is the mark X of JANNETJE PAWELLS,  
made with her own hand.

Cornelis van Dyck  
Dirck Wesselsz

In my presence,  
Rob<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Contract of sale between Anthony van Schaick and Harmen  
Jansen Knickerbacker for a piece of land at Half Moon

[168 and 169 blank; 170] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schaick of the one side and Harmen Janse Kinneker-

<sup>1</sup>No record of this patent is found.

backer of the other side, who declared that they had contracted and agreed with each other in love and friendship, in manner following:

Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Shayk acknowledges that he has sold and Harme Janse Kinneker Backer that he has bought of him a piece of arable land at the north or upper end of the Halve Maen<sup>1</sup> over against the Skachkook<sup>2</sup> path, being bounded by a little kill on the south side and likewise by a little kill on the north side, to the east the river, and to the west the high woods,<sup>3</sup> the grantee to have two hundred paces above the heights next the woods to be fenced in and furthermore free range for his cattle, with the persons living in the Halve Maen; for which piece of arable land and the privileges aforesaid Harme Janse Kinneker Backer promises to pay to Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schayk the quantity of thirty good salable beaver skins, to be paid in the three following years, every time a just third part, to wit, ten beavers in January 168<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, ten beavers in January 168<sup>2</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and the last ten beavers in January 168<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; on the last payment the seller promises to deliver a proper conveyance of the aforesaid land, free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right); with which the contracting parties acknowledge they are content, binding for the execution of these presents their persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany, in presence of Gabriel Thomson and Mr Abraham van Tricht called as witnesses hereto, the 11th of December 1682.

ANTONY VAN SCHAICK

HERMEN JANSEN VAN WYEKYBACKER<sup>4</sup>

*Gabriell Tomasen*

*Abram van Tricht*, chirurgion

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> Half Moon; about 15 miles north of Albany.

<sup>2</sup> Schaghticoke.

<sup>3</sup> *T' hooge boss*.

<sup>4</sup> This signature, though written in a neat and legible hand, is apparently imperfect. In an indenture from Anthony van Schaick to Harmen Jansen for land at Half Moon, dated February 26, 169<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, in *Deeds*, 4:94-96, the grantee is repeatedly referred to as "Harme Janse Knickerbacker van Wye," and the original, according to the record, was signed "Harme Janse Knickerbacker van Wyye." In an action for debt by Harmen Jansen Kinnekerbacker against Mews Hogeboom, in *Proceedings of Justices of the Peace*, 1680-85, p. 535, the plaintiff is spoken of as "Harmen Jansen van Bommel." Bommel is supposed to stand for Zalt-Bommel in the province of Gelderland, but may possibly refer to Den Bommel, on the island of Over-Flakkee, in the province of South Holland.

**Bond and mortgage of Jacob Meussen Vrooman, husband and guardian of Elisabeth de Lint, to the deacons of the Reformed Church**

[171] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jacob Meuse Vroman, husband and guardian of his wife Elisabeth d'Lint, who declared that he was honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to the honorable diaconate of the Reformed Church here in the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds Boston money, of which said sum he, the subscriber, now acknowledges the receipt from P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler and Albert Rykman, deacons, in the following specie, to wit, two hundred and eighty-two heavy pieces of eight each weighing a French crown, amounting to eighty-four pounds, twelve shillings: *item*, one hundred and ninety-four Boston shillings, being nine pounds and fourteen shillings, and in quarter guilders and pieces of eight twenty-five pounds and fourteen shillings; on this condition that he return said sum to the diaconate in the same specie, or failing of the same, in Boston money, in the space of two years, paying eight per cent [interest] yearly but if he pays the same or a part of the same earlier, then he shall be holden to pay interest at the same rate until the time of the full payment up to the last penny; always with the understanding that the whole sum with the interest thereon must be paid in the stipulated time of two years; for which payment of said sum of £120 Boston money the subscriber specially binds the two payments on his farm sold, lying at Schinhechtady, bought by Claes Laurens<sup>1</sup> Purmerent for the sum of five hundred and forty beavers to be paid within the next five years, each year one hundred beavers and the 40 beavers in the sixth year; likewise his house and lot wherein he dwells here in Albany between Jan Salomonse and the house of Hans Heyndrix; and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges to secure the payment without costs or loss. Thus done in Albany without fraud or deceit on the 2d of February 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JACOB MEESCE VROMAN

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> Professor Pearson here supplies the name Van der Volgen.

*Memorandum.* On Dec. 21, 1688, this special bond was canceled and another in English given in the sum of two hundred and forty-seven heavy pieces of eight as per said instrument is to be seen.

GERIT REYER  
ELBERT TUNUSEN<sup>1</sup>  
*Deacons*

**Bond and mortgage of Andries Albertsen Bratt to Willem Ketelheyn**

[172] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, And<sup>s</sup>. Albertse Bratt, who declared that he was honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelheyn, in the sum of eight hundred and fifteen guilders, six stivers and eight pennies, seawan, growing out of tavern expenses incurred as well in his, W[ille]m's, predecessor's (Storm: v: d<sup>r</sup>. Zee)<sup>2</sup> time as in his own time, which aforementioned sum of fl.815:6:8 seawan, the subscriber promises to pay in the time of one year from the date hereof, to wit, the just half thereof next summer and the other half in the month of March 168<sup>3</sup>, for which the subscriber specially binds his half [interest in the] sawmill with the kill<sup>3</sup> and the rights and privileges thereof, standing and lying between the farm of Phil: P: Schuyler and the farm of P<sup>r</sup>. van Woggelum, Ju<sup>r</sup>., together with his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, for the recovery of the debt without loss or costs.

Thus done in Albany without fraud or deceit on the 5th of March 168<sup>3</sup>.

This is the mark AB of AND<sup>s</sup>. ALBERTSE

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

BRATT, made with his own hand.

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> This name may also be read "Ebbert Tunusen," and is probably intended for Egbert Teunissen.

<sup>2</sup> Willem Ketelheyn married Hilletje, the widow of Storm Albertsen van der Zee.

<sup>3</sup> The Poesten kill? See deeds from Sweer Teunissen van Velsen to Pieter Pietersen van Woggelum and from Juriaen Teunissen Tappen to Philip Schuyler, on p. 44 and 52 of this volume, and note on p. 129 of v. 1 of *Early Records of Albany*.

**Deed from the constables of Albany, as administrators of the estate of Hendrick Gerritsen, to Jean Rosie for a lot in Albany**

[173] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, the worthy Jacob Sanderse Glen, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders and Albert Rykman, constables, in the capacity of administrators of the estate of Hendrik Gerritse,<sup>1</sup> who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jean Rosie a part of a lot lying next to his house to the south, over against the house of W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelheyn, being in breadth in front on the street ten feet and in length thirty feet, that is to his stable, all Rhineland measure; which the grantors do by virtue of the conveyance to Hendrik Gerritse aforesaid given by Jacob Janse van Noorstrant dated the 13th of January 1670-80, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors in the capacity aforesaid making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that they have been fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jean Rosie, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid part of a lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 7th of April 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JACOB SAND: GLEN  
ROBERT SANDERS  
ALBERT RYCKMAN

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Dirck Wesselsen and Gerrit Teunissen to Omy La Grange for a parcel of land on the east side of Kinderhook creek**

[174] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, etc., in

<sup>1</sup> Hendrick Gerritsen van der Meulen; see deed of Jan. 13, 1673, mentioned in the text.



presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Jansz Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr Dirk Wessells and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Teunise,<sup>1</sup> who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Omy La Grangie a certain parcel of land lying on the east side of the Kinderhoek kill, together with all their rights and claims which they have between the land of P<sup>r</sup>. Vosburgh and the land of Jan Bruyn which is possessed by Groot Andries, having to the south the land of Jan Bruyn, to the north P<sup>r</sup>. Vosburgh, to the west the Kinderhoek kill and to the east the tall woods, being the smallest flat on the east side of the kill which is specified in the grantor's patent, containing fourteen morgens or twenty-eight acres, with the woodland thereto appertaining for his use with others, which flat is known by the name of the *Pruyme vlakke* (Prune flat): which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the patent granted to them by the late Governor General Sir Edmond Andross, of date the 15th of April 1680,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that they are fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power [to Omy La Grangie] to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 7th of April 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*

DIRCK WESSELSZ  
his  
GERRIT X TEUNISE  
mark

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> By his mark identified with Gerrit Teunissen van Vechten. See his will dated March 8, 1703, in *Wills*, 1:112-14.

<sup>2</sup> No record is found of any patent to the grantors of that date. A patent was granted to them, however, for four flats on both sides of the Kinderhook creek on March 25, 1680.

**Deed from Juriaen Teunissen Tappen to Harmen Rutgersen for two houses and lots in Albany**

[175] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schinmechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jurian Teunise Tappen, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Harmen Rutgers two adjoining houses together with the lots thereof, formerly belonging to Dirk Janse Croon, standing and lying here in Albany of such size and bounds as the same lie inclosed up to the little kill, being in breadth, front and rear, five rods and in length on both sides eight rods; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Martin Cregier, Jun<sup>r</sup>., attorney of Mr Francis Lovelace, late governor general, dated the 13th of September 1672;<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Harmen Rutgers, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid two houses and lots as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 8th of April 1683.

JURRE JAN TUNSEN

*Cornelis van Dyck*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Cornelis Cornelissen Viele to Cornelis van Dyck for a house and lot in Albany**

[176] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schinmechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Cornelis Cornelise Viele, who

<sup>1</sup>See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:401.

declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership hereby to and for the behoof of Mr Cornelis van Dyk, husband and guardian of Elisabeth Salisbury, late widow of Capt. Silvester Salisbury, a house and lot lying here in Albany on the west side of Aernout Cornelise Viele, having the street to the north and to the south the alley of said Aern<sup>t</sup>. Cornelise and to the west the narrow street upon which And<sup>r</sup>. Teller abuts; in breadth in front on the street one rod, three feet and eleven inches and in the rear on the alley toward the kill one rod, one foot and four inches; length on the east side five rods, one foot and ten inches, on the west side five rods, five feet and two inches, Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jurian Teunise Tappen on the 26th of August 1670,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the afore-named Mr Corn: van Dyk, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 17th of April 1683.

COR. COR. VIELE

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Johannes Provoost*

In my presence,  
ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:470, which follows the original description: *acude suydt syde van pieter Hartgras ten westen de eerste kil*, which is evidently a mistake for "on the west side of Pieter Hartgras, to the south the first kill." The patent of May 2, 1668, mentioned in the deed, is a confirmation of the conveyance on December 13, 1665, by Abraham Staets and Gerard Swart, attorneys of Pieter Hartgers, to Juriën Teunissen for "parte of a certaine Lott w<sup>th</sup> a small house upon it lying & being at Albany hauing on y<sup>e</sup> East syde y<sup>e</sup> said Pieter Hartgers on y<sup>e</sup> South syde Pieter Hartgers & y<sup>e</sup> Creek or Kill & on y<sup>e</sup> West & north sydes y<sup>e</sup> high street." The property was apparently located on the east corner of State and Green streets, and not as shown in the diagrams in *Munsell's Collections*, 4:187, half way down the block between Green street and Broadway, the first three lots in the diagrams being by mistake placed to the east instead of to the west of Green street.

**Mortgage from Tapuas, a Highland Indian, to Lawrence van Alen and Gerrit Lansing of land on the east side of the Hudson river opposite the Danskamer**

[177] Appeared before us the underwritten magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, a certain Highland Indian named Tapuas, who now proposes to go out hunting and who acknowledges himself to be indebted to Law: van Ale and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansing in the sum of twenty-four beavers for merchandise received and debt taken over by them from other persons to whom he is indebted, together with a further loan of twenty-one beavers, making together forty-five beavers, which the subscriber promises to pay to Lawrence van Ale and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansingh, to each a just half, so soon as he shall come back from hunting, but if he in the meantime shall happen to die, or shall not be able to deliver said quantity of forty-five beavers when he comes back from the hunt on which he now sets out with his companions, then he, Tapuas, conveys his land lying on Hudson's river on the east shore obliquely over against the Danskamer,<sup>1</sup> being a flat of land lying on the west side of a kill named Wynachkee, beginning from the second falls where Aernout Cornelise's claim ends, and that for the aforementioned payment, with this understanding that if he does not come back with the Indian, with whom he now goes out, he shall be deprived of his rights in said land, giving said Lawrence van Ale and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansingh then full possession and ownership of said land together with the woodland lying thereby for a range for their cattle and for such other purposes as they may need the same. It is to be noted that the debts which Law: van Ale and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansing assume to pay for said Indian if he, Tapuas, should happen to die or remain behind, embraced in the twenty-four beavers aforesaid, are as follows: to Hendricus Beekman three beavers and one otter; to Geertruy Noormans in the Esopus two beavers; to Dirk Wessells one beaver and five *hespannen*<sup>2</sup>; to Rykje Staets two *hespannen*; to Jan Jause Bleeker two *hespannen*; but with this provision that if the Indian Tapuas comes back again and pays the debts to Lawrence van Ale and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansing, they shall be released from the payment of the aforesaid money, but if they receive the land in full ownership they shall be holden to pay the

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "the Dance Chamber"; a cove in the north part of the town of Newburgh.

<sup>2</sup> Raccoons. See *Journal of Jasper Danckaerts* (in series of "Original Narratives of Early American History"), p. 82, where the *hespaen* is described as a wild animal somewhat larger than a cat.

aforesaid debts. Tapuas, likewise promises to pay to Law: van Ale and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansingh one otter for the recording fee when he returns. [178] All of which Tapuas promises to fulfil, binding himself thereto as by law provided, and agreeing that if he does otherwise than is hereinbefore written, whether directly or indirectly, or by any evasion whatever, the same shall be null and of no effect. Done in Albany on the 16th of May 1683.

The mark of X TAPUAS, made with his own hand.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*  
*Arnout Corn: Vicle*

The mark of X WATAWYT, a sachem  
The mark of X EMMENNINCK, sachem  
of Schotak, as witness,  
against the land of Haverstroee, named  
Kightamonk.

Acknowledged before me,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

*Memorandum.* Johannis Cuyler, attorney for his father Dirk Wesselse, acknowledges that he has received from Laurence van Ale and Gerrit Lansing a salable beaver and five *hcspannen* in satisfaction of his debt [mentioned] in the above mortgage. Witness my hand in Albany, this 3d of June 1702.

J<sup>r</sup>. JOH. CUYLER

**Deed from Robert Sanders to Johannes Wendel for his farm on  
the east side of the Hudson river**

[179] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Robert Sanders, burgher of this place, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Mr Johannes Wendell, burgher and inhabitant of this place, his, the grantor's, farm, house, barns, ricks, horses, cattle, hogs etc. and all that is fast by earth or nail, according to contract of sale thereof, lying on the east side of Hudson's river over against the farm of Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schaick, extending, along said river from the second to the third kill which runs on the west side of the river, extending toward the woods up to the high hill, including a piece of marsh (*ctley*) or meadow land, having also free range for

his cattle, all of which is comprised in a certain patent granted to him, the grantor, by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace, of date the 1st of September 1670; together with a certain piece of woodland lying to the south of said farm and the *Wallevisse Eylandt* (Whale-island) comprehended in a patent granted to him, the grantor, by the late Governor General Sir Edmond Andross, knight, of date the 22d of March 1673, excepting what was conveyed to Pieter van Wuggelum under date the 19th of December 1681, lying to the south of Piskawen kill, which kill is likewise conveyed to said Wendell, being the division between him and P<sup>r</sup>. van Wuggelum; all which the grantor conveys to said Johannes Wendel with all his right and title which he has therein by virtue of said two patents, to which reference is herein made, all free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Johannes Wendel, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid farm and the appurtenances thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising [180] to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 26th of May in the year of Our Lord and Savior 1683.

ROBERT SANDERZ

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirk Wesselsz*

In my presence,

ROBERT LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Deed from Jan Jansen Bleecker and Jacob Sandersen Glen, attorneys of Jan Hendricksen van Bael, to Harmen Rutgers and Johannes Provoost, administrators of the estate of Hendrick Willemsen, and to Jan Albertsen Bratt for all his land on the Normans kill except four morgens of arable land

[181] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magis-

trates of the said jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Jan Janse Bleeker and Jacob Sanderse Glenn, in capacity of attorneys of Mr Jan Hendrix van Bael Sr., according to power of attorney dated the 22d of July 1675,<sup>1</sup> who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Harme Ruttgers and Johannes Provoost, administrators of the estate of Hendrik Willemse, and to Jan Albertse Bratt, all the lands lying on the Noorman's Kill called by the Indians Tawalsouthaa,<sup>2</sup> excepting four morgens of good arable land which the seller Jan van Bael reserves to himself, either at one end or the other as by lot shall be determined, but with the understanding that if he does not convey the same to anyone, they, the buyers, shall have the right to fence, plant and cultivate the same also, and if the seller should wish to sell the same that they shall have the preference and refusal thereof, according to the contract of sale thereof made and executed on the 21st of December 1674,<sup>3</sup> between Jan Hendrix van Bael of the one part and Hendrik Willemse and Jan Albertse Bratt of the other part; which they, the attorneys, do by virtue of the patent granted to Jan Hendrix van Bael by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace under date of the 21st of August 1672,<sup>4</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors in the capacity aforesaid making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that they are fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid administrators of the estate of Hend: Willemse, deceased, and to Jan Albertse Bratt, their heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land lying upon the

<sup>1</sup> Apparently not recorded.

<sup>2</sup> The same as Tawasentha. With the exception of the final double vowel the spelling of the name in the deed corresponds with that in the patent of August 21, 1672, cited below. Rutenber mentions the form *Tawalsoutha*.

<sup>3</sup> No record of this contract is found.

<sup>4</sup> The description in this patent reads as follows: "Whereas by the Consent of the Commissaries at Albany Jan Hendricks van Baal hath made purchase of the Indian Proprietors of the Maques of a certain parcell of Land near Schanectade lying and being by the Kill or Creek called by the Indian name Tawalsoutha otherwise the Normans Kill, the said Land stretching from the Sandy Hills North-West on, to an Out Hooke of Land, the which it also Includes Containeing in breadth and length on both sides of the Kill all the Land as it lyes in a square together with the Wood Land, Valley, or Meadow Ground, Kills, and Creeks therein Included, the said Indian proprietors Names who made sale of the said Land, and sett their marks for the Conveyance thereof being Canachko, Schaenwino, Canhowadadin, and Sagodemcheta, who acknowledge to have Received satisfaction for the same Now for a Confirmation unto him the said Jan Hendricks van Baal . . ."

Noorman's kill as they might do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 20th of May An<sup>o</sup>. Christi 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

JAN JANSZ BLEECKER  
JACOB SAN: GLEN

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jan Albertsen Bratt to Jacob Caspersen for his half interest in the land on the Normans kill**

[182] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jan Albertse Bratt, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Caspase his interest in the land on the Noorman's kill, being the half of all the land lying on the Noorman's kill *alias* called *Taveassoutha*,<sup>1</sup> excepting four morgens of good arable land which Jan van Bael reserved from the whole for himself at one end or the other as by lot should be determined, with the understanding that if said Van Bael did not make over the same to anyone, the buyers might fence, plant and cultivate the same and if Van Bael, the first seller, desired to sell the same the preference and refusal thereof should be given to the buyers according to contract of sale thereof made between J: v: Bael and Hen: Willemse and Jan Alb: Bratt, dated the 21st of December 1674;<sup>2</sup> which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Mr Jan Janse Bleeker and Jacob Sanderse Glen, attorneys of Jan Hendrix van Bael, of date the 29th of May 1683, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without

<sup>1</sup> Jacob Caspersen was probably a brother of Isaac Caspersen and a son of Casper Jacobsen Halenbeck. See *Proceedings of Justices of the Peace*, 1680-85, p. 631, and *Early Records of Albany*, 1: 10, 31. The name is variously spelled Halenbeck, Halenbeck, Hallenbeck and Hollenbeck. The early members of the family were Lutherans and it is probable that Casper Jacobsen came from Hollenbek, in Holstein, about 20 miles south of Kiel.

<sup>2</sup> See note to preceding deed.



the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he has received in payment and satisfaction therefor the half island of Jan Bruyn and fifteen beavers, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jacob Casperse, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, liens and demands, and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 26th of June 1683.

JAN BRAT

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jacob Caspersen to Symon Volkertsen for his half interest in the land on the Normans kill**

[183] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaehechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Jansz Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jacob Casparse, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Symon Volkertse<sup>1</sup> his interest in the land on the Noormanskil as he has owned and possessed the same, being half of all the lands lying on the Noormans kill, *alias* called Tawassouthaa, with house, barn and all that appertains thereto, excepting four morgens of good arable land which Jan Hendrix van Bael reserved to himself out of the whole at one end or the other as should be determined by lot, with the understanding that if said Van Bael made over the same to no one the buyers might fence, plant and cultivate the same and if Van Bael, the principal seller, wished to sell the same, the preference and refusal thereof should be given to them, according to contract of sale dated December 21, 1674; which land aforementioned he, the grantor, divided with Hendrick Willemse, deceased, in presence of Jan Albertse Bratt and Rob<sup>t</sup>. Gardener and there fell to the grantor's share the upper land to be reckoned from the houses, beginning at the division of both lots and extending westwards between the hill and the kill; with the understanding that all the land not en-

<sup>1</sup> Symon Volkertsen Veeder.

tered upon the kill is still to be divided; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jan Albertse Bratt this day June 26, 1683, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he received in payment and satisfaction therefor a parcel of land at Shinnectady and a half lot which they have exchanged with each other, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Symon Volkertse, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land and the appurtenances thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 26th of June 1683.

*Dirk Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

JACOB KASPERSE

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jacobus van den Bulke, attorney of Pieter van den Bulke, to Johannes Wendel and Jan Jansen Bleecker for a house and lot on Jonker street**

[184] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mons. Jacobus van den Bulke, in the capacity of substitute for Johan van Twist, attorney for Mr Peter van den Bulke, trader at Leyden in Holland, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes Wendell and Mr Jan Jansz Blecker a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on Yonkheer street, between the houses of Matthys Pieterse Vroman and Joseph Yetts, to the south the Rutten kill and to the north Jonkheer street, with the addition of a little house which stands to the west of the large house, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jan de Lavall, executor of his father Thomas de Lavall, dated the 9th of October 1682; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without

the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Johannes Wendel and Jan Janse Bleker, their heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid two houses and lots as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto, in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 11th of July 1683.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Johannes Provoost*

J. V. BULCKEN

Attorney of my father and

JAN VAN TWIST

**Contract of sale between certain Mahikan Indians and Robert Livingston for a tract of land on both sides of Roelof Jansens kill**

[185] Appeared before us, Mr Johannes Provoost and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of Albany, colony of Rensselaerwyck and Shinnectady, etc., the following Mahikan Indians, owners of the land upon Roelof Johnson's kill, being to the east of Hudson's river a little below Catskill, to wit, Ottonawaw, a lame Indian; Tataemsheet, Oothout, Manetpoo, and two squaws named Tamaranachquae and Wawanitsawaw; *item* Auxhys, Newameen, Maquoame, attorneys for Mamaranechtak who is at present in the Esopus, and Takanitto, Tamaranachquae's son, *item* Attoquasowaa her brother for Kachkanamaw, and Sausquas, who declared in presence of diverse Indians of their nation that they had sold all their land lying upon Roeloff Jansen's kill to Robert Livingston (who has authority to buy the same from the late Governor General Sir Edm: Andross, of date the 12th of November 1680); which land lies on both sides of said kill named Sankhenak and consists of three flats with some small flats, together with the woodland, kills, creeks and all their claims extending along the riverside northward from Roeloff Janse's kill to a little kill opposite Catskill called Wachanekassik, and southwards down the river [from] opposite the Sagertje's kill to a place by the Indians called Saaskahampka and furthermore eastwards into the woods of the same breadth as on the riverside to a thicket (*Kreupel Boss*) by the Indians called Ma-

haskakook, for which the buyer promises to pay to the said owners [186] the following goods within the time of five days, to wit, three hundred guilders in seawan, eight blankets and two child's blankets, twenty-five ells of duffel and four pieces of strouding (*Stroudwater*), ten large shirts and ten small ones, ten pairs of large stockings and ten pairs of small ones, six guns, fifty pounds of powder, fifty bars of lead, four fur caps, ten kettles, ten axes, ten adzes, two pounds of paint, twenty scissors, twenty small looking glasses, one hundred fish hooks, awls and needles of each a hundred, four rolls of tobacco, one hundred pipes, ten bottles and three rumalets of rum, one tun of good beer, twenty knives, four strouding coats, two duffel coats and four tin kettles: the sellers promise on the receipt of said payment to deliver over said lands to said R. Livingston free and unincumbered, as well, flats, kills, creeks, as wood, marsh and brush lands and their appurtenances, nothing excepted, only that said owners stipulate for free fishing in the kill and the right to hunt the deer within said limits on condition that they deliver the head to the buyer; and furthermore to convey all free and unincumbered and release the same from all claims and demands as well of Christians as of Indians whoever they may be: wherewith the contracting parties are content. Done in Albany and interpreted by Aern't. Corn: Viele, interpreter, on the 12th of July 1683.

The mark X of NOTTONOWAW, [made]  
with his own hand.

In presence of us

The mark X of TATAEMSHAFT, [made]  
with his own hand.

*Joh: Provoost*

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

The mark X of TAMARANACHQUA

*Aernout Corn. Viele*

The mark X of WAWANITSAWAW

ROBERT LIVINGSTON

N. B. Before signing it was stipulated by Tamaranachquae, the squaw, that she should have permission to plant for four years on a little corner of land which shall be pointed out to her and not longer, which is specially stipulated in presence of the Commissioners.

**Deed from certain Mahikan Indians to Robert Livingston for a tract of land on both sides of Roelof Jansens kill described in preceding contract of sale**

[187] Appeared before us, Capt. Gervis Baxter, commander, and before the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schinnectady, the following Mahikan Indians,

owners of the land lying on the Roeloff Jansen's kill, to wit, Ottonowaw, a lame Indian, Tataemsehaet, Oothout, Manetpoo and two squaws named Tamaranachqua and Wawanitsawaw: *item* Auxys, Newameen, Maquoame, representing Mamaranechitak who at present is in the Esopus, and Takanitto, Tamaranachqua's son; *item* Attoquassowaa her brother, for Kachkanamow, Sausquas, Kipaquaehane, who is at present in Canada, and for all the other Indians who have any claims hereto, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Robert Livingston a certain parcel of land lying on both sides of Roeloff Jansen's kill, by the Indians named Sanckenak, to the east of Hudson's river a little below Catskill, consisting of three flats and some small flats, together with the woodland, the kill with other little kills which run through the same, hills, dales, trees, marshes, brush land and all their rights and claims which [land] is bounded along the riverside from said Roeloff Jansen's kill northward up to a little kill opposite Catskill called Wachanekasseck and southwards down the river till opposite the Sagertje's kill to a place called by the Indians Saakahampka and furthermore eastwards into the woods to a thicket (*Creupel Boss*) by the Indians called Mahaskakook, all which they convey and [188] make over, reserving and excepting nothing whatsoever, only they may have free fishing in the kill and within said limits to hunt deers, provided the head of every deer be delivered to the buyer; which they, the grantors, do as being the rightful proprietors and owners of the aforesaid land, kills, creeks, woods and appurtenances thereof, and convey the same to Robert Livingston, who has permission and liberty to buy the aforesaid land from the owners, from the late Governor General Sir Edmund Andross, and to give satisfaction before this Court as per the license thereof dated November 12, 1680; delivering the same free and unincumbered without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, without the grantors' having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that they were fully paid and satisfied thereof this day, the first penny with the last, according to the contract of purchase thereof dated the 12th of this month; giving therefore full power to the aforesaid Robert Livingston, his heirs, successors or assigns, to have and to hold the aforesaid land forever and [189] to do therewith and dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances which may hereafter arise on the part of Christians or

Indians and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided. Done in the Court house at Albany on the 18th of July 1683.<sup>1</sup>

The mark of X <i>Kasshecho</i> , as witness.	This is the mark X of OTTONOWAW
The mark of X <i>Mancetpa</i> , as witness.	This is the mark X of TATAEM-SHAETT
The mark of X <i>Kachkechant</i> , as witness.	This is the mark X of TAMARANCHQUAE, squaw
	This is the mark X of WAWANITSAWAW, squaw
<i>Ger Baxter</i>	This is the mark X of NEWAMEE,
<i>Cornelis van Dyck</i>	the daughter of Tamaranchquae
<i>Jan Jansz Bleecker</i>	This is the mark X of AUNYS, Ot-
<i>Arnout Corn: Vicle,</i>	tonowae's son's daughter
Interpreter	

On this 18th day of July 1687 a certain lame Indian squaw called Siakanochqui of Catskil acknowledged that she had received to her full satisfaction a piece of cloth and a cotton shirt for her right and claim to a certain flat of land lying in the manor of Livingston. Which witnesses,

SIAKANOCHEQUI X her mark

This signed in the presence of  
and interpreted by,  
*Juffr. Salisbury*<sup>2</sup>

**Deed from Adriaen Jansen Appel to Barentje Gerrits Paws, widow of Jan Harmensen Backer, for a garden outside of Albany**

[190] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse

<sup>1</sup> Robert Livingston received a patent for this land from Governor Thomas Dongan on November 4, 1684, in which the land is described as follows: "a certaine Tract or parcell of land lying and being on a Creeke on the East side of Hudsons River Comonly called or knowne by the name of Roeloffe Johnsons Kill it being in three plains called Nickanhooko Kichpa Wichquaskaka and two or three other small flatts or plaines containing in all about one hundred morgen or two hundred acres together with eighteen hundred acres of woodland lying and being betweene a small Creeke or Kill lying over against Katskill called Wachanekasseck and a place by the Indians Called Suaskahampka to the south of Roeloffe Johnsons Kill That is to say, two hundred acres alongst the River side and the rest adjoining to the said two hundred acres and soe running back into the woods."

<sup>2</sup> Meaning *Juffrouwe*, or Madam Salisbury, presumably the widow of Capt. Sylvester Salisbury, who married Cornelis van Dyck. See p. 219.

Bleyker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Adriaen Jans van Leyden, commonly called Adriaen Appell, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Barentje,<sup>1</sup> widow of the late Jan Harmense Backer, a certain garden lying without Albany by No. 9, having to the south Jochem Ketelheyn, to the west Annetje Lievens, widow of Goose Gerritse, deceased, and to the north Jan Jans Blecker, being in breadth five rods and in length seven rods; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, of date the 22<sup>d</sup> of May 1667,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claims in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Barentje Gerritse Paws, her heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid garden as she could do with her own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 10th of July 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*

A: APPEL

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup> Barentje Gerrits Paws, or Pows, as she signs her name to the following two documents. The joint will of Jan Harmensen Backer and Barentje Gerrits Paws, dated February 16, 1682, was probated on June 5, 1683, and is in *Proceedings of Justices of the Peace, 1680-83*, p. 413-17. Their children having died, the testators leave their property, real and personal, to the children of the wife's sister, named Roeloff Pieterse Letwoor and Aeltje Pieters Letwoor, living at Amsterdam, or in case of their death, one half of the property to the church of the Augsburg Confession at Albany and the other half to the children of Barentje's sister, Elsie Gerrits Paws, living at New York. Elsie's daughter Annetje to have a dark gros-grain woman's skirt before any division of the estate is made.

The conveyance by Adriaen Jansen Appel would seem to have been made in settlement of some debt, as Barentje Gerrits immediately reconveyed the property to Johan Dyvanck, preparatory to going to Holland.

<sup>2</sup> This was a confirmation of the grant of October 25, 1653, to Adriaen Jansen van Leyden, *alias* Appel. In it the garden is described as "by No. 9; abutting to the South on Jochem Kettlehuyns to the West Pieter Broncks & to the North Gerrit Jansens being in breadth five Rod. & in length seven Rod."

**Deed from Barentje Gerrits Paws, widow of Jan Harmensen Backer, to Johan Byvanck for a garden outside of Albany conveyed to her by Adriaen Jansen Appel**

[191] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Barentje Gerritse Paus, widow of the late Jan Harmense Backer, who declared that by virtue of her letters of administration she granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of the worthy Johan Byvanck a certain garden lying without Albany by No. 9, having to the south Jochim Ketelheyn, to the west Annetje Lievens, widow of Goose Gerritse, deceased, to the north Jan Janse Bleeker and to the west<sup>1</sup> the street, being in breadth five rods and in length seven rods: which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by her this day from Adriaen Appell, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that she is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Johan Byvanck, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid garden as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 19th of July 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*

BARENTYEN PAWS

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Power of attorney from Barentje Gerrits Paws to Dirck Wessels and Gerrit Bancker**

[192] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnectady, etc., and before the afternamed witnesses Barentje Gerritse Paus, widow of the late Jan Harmense Backer, deceased, intending to depart for Holland

<sup>1</sup> Apparently a mistake for "to the north": see preceding deed.



and declared that she, the subscriber, constitutes and appoints hereby Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrate, and Mr Gerl. Banker, trader here, her attorneys, specially in her absence to demand, collect and receive of diverse persons her debtors payment as well in beavers as other goods of what they owe her according to promissory notes, accounts and vouchers herewith placed in the hands of the attorneys, and of the receipts to give acquittance; also, to convey and make over her two houses, and by laws and rigor of justice to constrain all unwilling debtors to pay; to that end to observe all the terms of courts unto sentence and extreme execution thereof; finding themselves aggrieved by judgment or judgments they, the attorneys, are to provoke or appeal therefrom and said provocation or appeal likewise to prosecute to the uttermost, having power also to compromise, agree, compound and contract and likewise to substitute one or more persons in their place, and furthermore all things to do in the matter aforesaid either with or without going to law which may seem to them needful and proper and as she the subscriber could do if she herself were present, [she] promising at all times to hold as good, binding and valid whatever by virtue hereof may be done and performed in the premises by the aforementioned attorneys, without any opposition, under binding obligation as by law provided, provided that the attorneys be holden when asked and desired to make a proper accounting, showing and return of their aforesaid transactions and receipts. Thus done in Albany this 19th of July 1683.

Testes:

BARENTYEN GERTS POWS

*Jan Byvanck*

*Arct Schuyler*

In my presence,

Ro<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Mohawk sachems to Cornelis van Dyck, Jan Jansen Bleecker, Pieter Philipsen Schuyler and Johannes Wendel for a tract of land north of Albany called Sarachtogoe**

[193] Appeared before us, Capt. Gervis Baxter, commander, and the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnectady the following Maqua sachems,<sup>1</sup> owners of a certain parcel of land named Sarachtogoe and by the Maquas called Ochseratonque, or otherwise Ochsechrage and by the Mahikans<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Maquase Sakamakers*; meaning Mohawk sachems. In the patent from Governor Dongan for this land at Saratoga to Cornelis van Dyck and his associates, dated November 4, 1684, the Dutch adjective form "Maquasse Sachems" has been retained.

<sup>2</sup>*Mahikanders*; a proper noun corresponding in form to *Afrikaanders*, for Africans.

Amissohaendiek, lying to the north of Albany on Hudson's river, to wit, Roode, Saggoddiochquisax, Aihagari and Taiskanoumda,<sup>1</sup> being of the first and second castle, who in the presence of all the Maqua sachems undertook to act in the name of all others who have any claims thereon and who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Cornelis van Dyk, Jan Janse Bleeker, Peter Phil: Schuyler and Johannes Wendel a certain parcel of land lying to the north of Albany, named Saraachtogee as aforesaid, beginning from the uppermost limits of the land bought of the Indians by Goose Gerritse and Philip Pieterse Schuyler, deceased, being a kill called Tioneendehouwe,<sup>2</sup> extending northwards up along both sides of the river to the extreme land of Saraachtogee aforesaid, bounding on a kill on the east side of the river named Dionoemlogeha,<sup>3</sup> holding the same length on the west side opposite the kill, extending westwards into the woods as far as said Indian owners point out and likewise eastwards into the woods, together with all kills, creeks, woodland, trees, marshes, brush lands, hills, dales and all the appurtenances thereof, nothing whatever excepted, but the free hunting and free fishing, which they, the grantors, do as being the rightful proprietors and owners of the aforesaid lands and appurtenances thereof and convey the same to Cornelis van Dyk, Jan Janse Bleeker, P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler and Johannes Wendel, their heirs, successors, or assigns, free and [194] unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, without the grantors' having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that they were fully paid and satisfied therefor this day, the first penny with the last, according to contract of sale thereof made, giving therefore full power to the aforesaid Cornelis van Dyk, Jan Janse Bleeker, P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler and Johannes Wendel, their heirs, successors and assigns to have and to hold the aforesaid forever and therewith to do and dispose thereof as they might do with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances which may arise from either Christians or Indians, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided. Thus interpreted in Albany by Aernout Corn:

<sup>1</sup> In the patent of November 1, 1684, the Indian names are spelled: "Roode, Saggoddiocesax, Aihagure and Tinskanoumda."

<sup>2</sup> Same spelling in the patent.

<sup>3</sup> In the patent spelled: "Dionoondelhouwe."

Viele, interpreter, in the court house of Albany on the 26th of July  
*A. D.* 1683.

As witnesses:

This is the mark X of Cannondondaw Chief  
*Sakamaker* (sachem)  
of the 4th Castle  
called Tionondoge

This is the mark X of RHODE, [made]  
with his own hand

This is the mark X of SAGGODDIOCHQUIT-  
SAX, [made] with his own hand

This is the mark X of  
*Odianne, Sakamaker*,  
also of the 4th Castle  
named Tionondoge

This is the mark X of AHLAGARI, [made]  
with his own hand

This is the mark X of TAISKANOENDA

*Ger. Baxter*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Aernout Corn: Viele*, in-  
terpreter

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

[195] *Memorandum.* That the Mahikans were present at the  
aforesaid purchase of the land of Sarachtogoe and saw the Maquas  
aforenamed receive the payment. Being asked if they had any right  
or claim to the said land, that they must now speak or forever keep  
silent, they declared they renounced all rights and ownership which  
they had therein, leaving it to the purchasers' discretion to give  
them something as an acknowledgment or not, inasmuch as in old  
times it was their land before the Maquas won it from them. And  
we, the undersigned, in the name of the whole nation who may have  
any claims thereon, declare that we release the said purchasers from  
all further demands as far as our nation is concerned; whereupon  
the purchasers as a remembrance of said purchase gave them seven  
pieces of duffel, also two half casks of beer and two small casks of  
wine. Done in the court house of Albany, the 26th of July 1683.

This is the mark X of NISI CAMPE, made  
with his own hand

This is the mark X of sachem KNAEP,  
made with his own hand

*Ger. Baxter*

*Dirck Wesselsz*

*Aernout Corn: Viele*, in-  
terpreter

This is the mark X of SOQUARSE, as  
witness

This is the mark X of KESHUCHAMAK

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Propositions of the Cayugas and Onondagas relating to lands on  
the Susquehanna with the answer of the magistrates**

[196 blank: 197] Propositions made by the Cajouges and Onnondages sachems to the honorable magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk, etc., in the court house of Albany, the 26th of September 1683.

Present

Marte Gerritse  
Corn: van Dyk  
Dirk Wessells  
J. Provoost  
Pr. Winne  
Hend: van Ness  
J. Janse Bleker  
R. Preety, sheriff  
R. Livingston, secretary

Brothers:

We are glad to see the brothers here who represent Corlaer;<sup>1</sup> we came together yesterday and heard the Great Penn, meaning the agent of Governor Penn, speak concerning the land lying upon the Susquehannes river, but saw none of the commissioners nor order from Corlaer. I have slept little during the night but meditated continually and I think the land cannot be sold without the order of Corlaer, for we made it over to this government four years ago, and therefore shall do nothing about the sale without Corlaer (meaning the governor general) or his order or those who represent him here. The land aforesaid belongs to us, Cajouges and Onnondages, alone; the other three nations, viz, the Sinnekes, Oneydes and Maquas have nothing to do therewith.

We not only made it over to Corlaer, that is the governor general, four years ago, but granted it to him to rule over it and we now again give, convey and make it over to the governor general or his representatives.

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning the governor of New York. Gov. Thomas Dongan arrived from England on August 25, 1683. When he heard of William Penn's efforts to secure the upper Susquehanna valley for himself, Dongan made a hurried visit to Albany. See J. R. Broadhead, *History of the State of New York*, 2:375-76.

In confirmation of which they have signed and sealed these presents *datum ut supra*.

This is the mark X of THAOWERATT,  
sachem of Cajouge (L. S.)

This is the mark X of CARACHJUNDIE, of  
Cajouge (L. S.)

This is the mark X of OCHQUAROKICHKE,  
of Cajouge (L. S.)

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Present *ut ante*

[198] Albany, the 26th of September 1683

Answers to the propositions of the Cajouges and Onnondages

We have heard your propositions and thankfully accept for Corlaer the conveyance of the river of Susquehannes with the land lying thereon, and having seen that you have kept your word for over four years and in confirmation of your gift are about to sign and seal a conveyance for the aforesaid land, we present you with a half piece of duffell, two coverlets, two guns, three kettles, four coats, fifty pounds of lead and twenty-five pounds of powder.

In the meanwhile we will acquaint herewith his honor, the governor general, whose good affection for you you need not doubt and who upon the proper occasion will recompense you therefor.

Whereupon the sachems signed and sealed their aforesaid gift and conveyance as is to be seen on the other side [of this leaf] and accepted the aforesaid presents as full satisfaction.

Albany in the court house *dato ut supra*.

CORNELIS VAN DYCK  
DIRCK WESSELSZ  
JAN JANSZ BLEECKER  
PIETER WINNE

### Deed from Mohawk sachems to Arnout Cornelissen Viele for land above Schenectady

[199] Appeared before the court of magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk, etc., the following Maqua sachems, representing all the three tribes of the Maquas, owners of a certain piece of land lying above Schinnechtady on the north side of the river, containing about 16 or 17 morgens opposite the flat occupied by Jacobus Peck, by the Maquas called Wachkeerhoha, which flat the

said sachems grant, convey and make over to and for the behoof of Aernout Cornelise Viele, interpreter, in consideration that he daily takes much trouble both in journeying to their land, to the Sinnekes and to the north and in [performing] other services among the Indians; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of being the rightful proprietors and owners of the aforesaid land and they convey the same to Aernout Cornelise, his heirs or successors, free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, giving therefore full power to the aforesaid Aernout Cornelise, his heirs, or successors, or assigns to have and to hold the aforesaid flat forever and thereof to dispose as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and that in consideration [of his services] aforementioned, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, demands and claims which may hereafter arise, whether from Christians or Indians, and nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided. Thus interpreted by Akus Cornelise in the court house of Albany, the 20th of September 1683.

<i>Dyck Wesseler</i>	The mark X of TIOSKANOENDA, the
<i>Jan Jansz Bleecker</i>	tortoise
The mark AC of	The mark X of OWEADACHANE, the bear
Akus, interpreter	The mark X of TAHMADORIS, the wolf
	In my presence,
	ROBT. LIVINGSTON, <i>Secretary</i>

**Deed from Jan Jansen Bleecker, attorney for Johannes Witthart, to Robert Livingston for a house and lot on Jonkheer street at Albany**

[200.] Appeared before us, Joh: Provoost and Cornelis van Dyck, magistrates of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, the worthy Jan Jansz Bleecker, also a magistrate, in capacity of attorney for Johannes Witthart, trader in Holland, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Robt. Livingston a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, on Jonkheer street, next to the house of said Livingston, having to the south the street, to the west the house of Phillip Foreest, cooper, to the north the lot of Isaak Verplanck and to the south<sup>1</sup> the corner house of Robt. Livingston aforesaid; in breadth

<sup>1</sup> This should be to the east the corner house of Robert Livingston; referring to the house which was conveyed by Reyer Schermerhorn to Demine Nicolaus van Rensselaer and which came to Robert Livingston through his marriage with the latter's widow. See p. 107, notes and 207.

in front on the street one rod, ten feet and one and a half inches and in the rear to the north one rod, ten feet, and in length five rods, eleven feet and two inches from which an alley of four feet extending back to the street eastwards is free as well for this house as for the other house of said Livingston: which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him, Jan Withart, from Ryer Jacobse Shermerhoorn, husband and guardian of Ariaentie Arents, late widow of Helmer Oute, deceased, being the half of the lot specified in a patent granted to J. Thomase by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls of date the 20th of April 1697, to which reference is herein made, the other half of the said patent being the corner house wherein said Livingston dwells: and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging himself to be sufficiently paid therefor the sum of seventy-two beavers to his content received, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Robert Livingston, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 12th of October 1683.

JAN JANSZ BLEECKER

*Johannes Provoost*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

**Deed from Jannetje Powell, widow of Thomas Powell, to Andries Hansen Scherp and Jurian Collier for land at Kinderhook**

[201] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Dirk Wesselis, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jannetie Powel, widow of the late Tho: Pawel, deceased, who declared that she granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Andries Hanse Scherp and Jurian Callier a certain parcel of woodland lying near Kinderhook, extending from Kinderhook kil westward to the river on both sides of the path, having the full breadth of the arable land and marsh (*zley*) specified in said Powell's patent.

containing two hundred acres, which breadth continues down to the river; on this condition that said And<sup>s</sup>. Hanse and Jurian Kallier shall convey to Stephen Coning his [their?] third part of the woodland lying on the north side of the path, extending from the *Spigel* to the marsh according to contract of sale thereof; in like manner there is excepted out of the aforesaid woodland a little parcel that Frans Pieterse Claw is supposed to own, which lies about a quarter of an hour's walk from the aforesaid land of Steph: Janse Coningh and is also comprehended in the aforesaid patent; otherwise, all the remainder of the woodland specified in the patent aforesaid granted by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls to her deceased husband Tho: Powel, of date the 13th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> the said widow conveys to Andries Hanse and Jurian Kallier free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon acknowledging that she is fully paid and satisfied there- [202] for, the first penny with the last, therefore, giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned And<sup>s</sup>. Hanse and Jurian Kallier to do with and dispose of the aforesaid woodland (except the aforesaid parcels of land) as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 15th of November 1683.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

The mark X of JANNETJE POWEL  
made with her own hand

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Teunis Dircksen van Vechten to Marcelis Jansen for  
a house and lot without the south gate of Albany**

[203] Appeared before me Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shimnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Teunis Dirkse van Vechten, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful

<sup>1</sup> No record of this patent is found.



and free ownership to and for the behoof of Marcellis Janse<sup>1</sup> a certain house and lot standing and lying without the south gate of Albany, having to the south the lot formerly possessed by Claes Rotterdam, to the north Cornelis van der Hoeve and to the east and west the highway; in breadth in front on the wagon road nine rods and ten feet and in length as well on the one as on the other side twelve rods, and breadth in the rear nine rods and five feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace dated the 20th of October 1670,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Marcellis Janse, his heirs, successors or assigns the aforesaid house and lot to have and to hold forever, promising nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 30th of November 1683.

Marten Gertsen  
Cornelis van Dyck

The mark X of TEUNIS DIRKSE VAN  
VECHTEN

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jacob Theysen van der Heyden to Pieter Schuyler  
and Sybrant van Schaick for a lot on Jonker street at Albany**

[204] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, etc., in presence of

<sup>1</sup> Marcellis Jansen, born at Bommel, in Gelderland; see *Notarial Papers*, 1:365.

<sup>2</sup> The abstract of this patent reads as follows: "Francis Lovelace & Whereas there was heretofore graunted a Patent or Groundbreife by ye Dutch Governo<sup>r</sup> Petrus Stuyvesant unto William Frederickse for a Certaine Lott of ground at Albany where his house stood, having on ye South syde Jan Michiellans & on ye west & East syde ye waggon way Contayning in breadth before nyne Rod & Ten foot. In length as well on ye one as ye oth<sup>r</sup> syde Twelve Rod, & in breadth behynde Nyne Rod & five foot, Togeth<sup>r</sup> wth a Lott of ground for a Garden abutting on ye North on Volchert Jans, on ye South on Sanders Leenderts, on ye west ye waggon path, & on ye East ye path that goes to ye Ryver, Conteyning in length Eleaven Rod & in breadth four Rod & Two foot as it lyes in a Square, Which said Patent or Groundbreife bearing date ye 25<sup>th</sup> day of Octobr 1652 wth all ye Right & interest in ye p<sup>r</sup>misses is now belonging to Theunis Direkse, ffor a Confirmation unto him ye Said Theunis Direkse &c."

Theunis Dircksen bought the house and lot of Willem Fredericksen Bout at public sale, January 11, 1665; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:210. For account of Theunis Direksen, see *Van Rensselaer Bowler Mss.*, p. 81v.

the Honorable Mr Jan Janse Bleker and Mr Pieter Winne, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jacob Tyse van der Heyden, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over, as he does by these presents in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler and Syb: v: Schayk, a certain lot lying here in Albany on Jonker street, whereupon Teun<sup>t</sup>. van d<sup>r</sup>. Poel has built a new house, having to the east Jeronimus Wendel, to the north Hendrick Rooseboom, to the south and west the public street, being a corner house; in breadth on the street southward two rods and eight inches, on the west side, also on the street, length five rods, five feet and ten inches and on the east side, length five rods and seven feet, breadth in the rear of the house two rods, four feet, nine inches and on the end of the lot northwards but two rods and one foot, all Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jochim Staets, attorney of Mr Cornelis Steenwyk, of date October 4, 1682, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least [205] thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Pieter Schuyler and Sybrant van Schayk, their heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 30th of November 1683.

JACOB THEYSEN VAN DER HEYDEN

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jan Nack to Jan Vinhagen for a house and lot on Rom street (Maiden Lane) at Albany**

[206] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jan Nack who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over, as he hereby does in true, rightful

and free ownership, to and for the behoof of Jan Vinnagen,<sup>1</sup> a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill on Romm street as it is called, being to the north of the street, to the west of Jan Vinnagen aforesaid and to the east of Gerrit Lansing; in breadth in front on the street one rod, two feet and a half and in the rear one rod, four and a half inches, length to the west three rods, nine feet and to the east three rods and seven feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Barent Ryndertse, of date the 9th of September 1678,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan Vinnagen, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 28th of Novem: 1683.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*

JAN NACK

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Willem Fredericksen Bout to Jan Vinhagen for a lot on Rom street (Maiden Lane) at Albany**

[207] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Willem Frederikse Bowt, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jan Vinnagen a certain lot whereon said Vinnaegen has built a house, lying in Albany on the hill on Romm street, being to the north of the street, to the west of the grantor aforesaid and to the east of said Vinnagen's house; in breadth in front on the street nineteen feet, three inches and in

<sup>1</sup> Generally called Jan Vinhagen. He signs his name "Jan Vinhaeghen."

<sup>2</sup> See p. 23.

length on both sides thirty-six feet and in the rear as broad as in front: which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated the 6th of September 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jan Vinnagen, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 28th of November 1683.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

The mark X of W<sup>M</sup>. FREDERIKSE BOUT

*Jan Janse Bleecker*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Gerrit Reyersen, son and heir of Reyer Elbertsen, to Barent Meyndersen and Adriaen Gerritsen, administrator of the estate of the late Rutt Aertsen, for a parcel of land without the north gate of Albany to be used for a tannery**

[208] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnecktady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Gerrit Ryerse, son and heir of Ryer Elbertse, deceased, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Barentse Myndertse, shoemaker, and Adriaen Gerritse,<sup>2</sup> administrator of the estate of the late Rutt Aertse, deceased,<sup>3</sup> a certain parcel of land lying without the north gate of Albany on the west side of the highway, having to the south the third kill,<sup>4</sup> to the north the lot of the grantor, to the west also the lot of the grantor and to the eastwards along the highway: length east and west seven rods and breadth south and north four rods, but on the survey of the

<sup>1</sup> No record of this patent is found.

<sup>2</sup> Adriaen Gerritsen van Papendorp; see next deed.

<sup>3</sup> The same as Rutger Arentsen, shoemaker.

<sup>4</sup> Apparently the Vossen (Fox) Kill.

highway ten feet more was allotted to them on the north side and eight feet also on the south side towards the kill, being a place for a tannery; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to his father deceased by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated the 25th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, the payment therefor having been made to his late father, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Barent Myndertse and Adriaen Gerritse, administrator of the estate of the late Rut Aertse, to do with and dispose of the same as they could do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided therefor. Done in Albany, the 11th of December 1683.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

GERRIT REYERSEN

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Deed from Adriaen Gerritsen van Papendorp, administrator of the estate of Rutt Aertsen, deceased, to Symon Jacobsen Schermerhorn for his half interest in a tannery without the north gate of Albany

[209] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Adriaen Gerritse van Papendorp,<sup>2</sup> in capacity of administrator of the estate of the late Rutt

<sup>1</sup> The only patent of that date to Reyer Elbertsen was a confirmation of the Dutch grant of October 25, 1653, "for a certain Lott of Ground House & Garden neer to the Fort in Beverwick at Albany haveing to the East Juriaen the Glazier to the west the swamp by the third Creeke or Kill lying four square & being to the East & North of the Highway."

<sup>2</sup> Papendorp is a small hamlet a few miles southwest of the city of Utrecht in the Netherlands. Pearson, *First Settlers of Albany*, 1:86, states that Adriaen Gerritse Papendorp probably came to the colony of Rensselaerswyck in 1634, evidently basing his statement on the fact that the name Adriaen Gerritse appears among those of settlers for that year in O'Callaghan, *History of New Netherland*, 1:434. However, in compiling the list of settlers of Rensselaerswyck for the *Van Rensselaer Bowler Mss*, the present editor failed to find any evidence that a person by that name came to the colony in 1634, or was at any time a tenant of the patroon.

Aertse, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Symon Jacobse Schermerhoorn the just half of a certain parcel of land lying without the north gate of Albany on the west side of the highway having southerly the Third kill, north and west Ger<sup>t</sup>. Ryerse and east the highway; the whole lot being in length east and west seven rods and in breadth on the south side on the kill four rods, eight feet and on the north side four rods and ten feet, being a place for a tannery, which half lot the grantor conveys to said Ryer Jacobse, by virtue of a conveyance received by him this day from Gerrit Ryerse, to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's in capacity above named having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Symon Jacobse Schermerhoorn to do with and dispose of the aforesaid half lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 11th of December 1683.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

ADRIAEN GERRETSEN PAPENDORP

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Adriaen Gerritsen van Papendorp, administrator of the estate of Rutt Aertsen, to Cornelis van Dyck for a barn and lot on the Pleyn in Albany**

[210] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Janse Bleker, magistrates of the said jurisdiction, the worthy Adriaen Gerritse van Papendorp, in the capacity of administrator of the estate of the late Rutt Aertse, shoemaker, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Cornelis van Dyck a barn and lot lying here in Albany on the *Pleyn* (Plain), having to the east Anth<sup>o</sup>. Lespinard, to the south Dirk

Wessellse, to the north and west the highway; in length east and west six rods and in breadth south and north three rods; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to the late Rutt Aertse aforementioned given by Jan Hend: Bruyn, dated the 18th of July 1671,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor in capacity aforementioned having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Corn: van Dyk, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid barn and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 11th of December 1683.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

ADRIAEN GERRETSEN PAPENDURP

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Contract of sale between Reyer Jacobsen Schermerhorn and Jan Jansen Bleecker for a house and lot on Rom street (Maiden Lane) at Albany**

[211] On this 25th day of January 1683 appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schimnechtady and before the undersigned witnesses, Ryer Jacobse Schermerhorn and Mr Jacob<sup>2</sup> Janse Bleecker, who hereby acknowledge that in all love and friendship they have contracted and agreed in manner following, to wit: Ryer Jacobse Schermerhorn acknowledges that he has sold and Mr Jan Janse Bleker that

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:486, which reads "to the east of the road . . . to the west, Thomas Paulus," which is evidently wrong. The patent of April 20, 1667, to Bruyn, referred to in the conveyance of 1671, was a confirmation of the grant to Jan Dareth of February 5, 1660, transferred to Jan Hendricksen Bruyn, and reads as follows: "for a certain Lott of Ground House & Garden in the village of Beverwick at Albany lying & being on the Plaine conteyning in length on the East side of the way six Rod and in breadth on the north of the way three Rod. In length on the west side of Tennis Paulussens six Rod on the south of the Plaine three Rod."

<sup>2</sup> A mistake for *Jan*; see signature.

he has bought of him his, Ryer's, house an dlot with all that is thereon fast by earth or nail, which house and lot stand and lie here in Albany on the hill on the corner of Romm street together with the little house next to it, and further all the appurtenances belonging to him, nothing whatever excepted, which house and lot have on the east side Jan Janse Bleeker and on the south side the house heretofore belonging to Jurian Janse Groenwout, with a parcel of land behind said buyer's house and to the south of Omy La Grangie; for which said buyer promises to pay to said seller or his order the sum of one hundred and fifty-six good, merchantable beaver skins, likewise to deliver to the seller the little house and lot standing and lying next to Aern<sup>t</sup>. Cornelis Viele, just as it came to him the buyer from said Aernout. The time of the delivery of the aforesaid houses by both parties, one to the other, shall be on the first of May next, during which [intervening] time each shall bear the risk of his own house. The payment of said 156 beavers shall be made as follows, to wit: seventy beavers next trading season at the same time that the seller is holden to make a payment to Jacob Caspers for his land; the remaining eighty-six beavers in two years there-[212] after, viz, forty-three beavers in the summer of 1685 and forty-three beavers in the summer of 1686, every time when the seller is holden to make payment to Jacob Caspers; and the payments being made the seller shall give a proper conveyance and deed for said house and lots in common form; all of which the contracting parties declare being done with the full satisfaction and approval of their wives, and for the execution hereof the contracting parties bind their respective persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Albany in presence of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansingh and Jan Vinnagen, called as witnesses hereto. Dated as above.

*Gerrit Lansinck*  
*Jan Vinhaeghen*

REYER JACOBSE SCHERMERHOORN  
JAN JANSZ BLEECKER

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Capt. William Parker to Dirck Albertsen Bratt for a  
house and lot on the hill in Albany**

[213] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinneehtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magis-



trates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Capt. William Parker, court messenger, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Dirk Albertse Bratt a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, having to the north Jan Gilbert, to the south Harme Bastiaense, to the east the street and to the west Johannes Wendel and the lot possessed by him, the grantor; in breadth according to the survey now made in front and rear three rods, six feet and four inches, and in length five rods, four feet, three inches Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, of date May 30, 1667;<sup>1</sup> likewise the grantor conveys to said Dirk Albertse an alley in the rear from the south corner of the lot towards the hill, lying between the fence of Cornelis van Shellyune and Johannes Wendel, being a part of a patent to him the grantor given by Governor Lovelace of date the [blank];<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Dirk Albertse, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house, lot, and alley in the rear as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 9th of February 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

W<sup>m</sup>. PARKER

**Deed from Dirck Albertsen Bratt to Teunis Pietersen for a lot on the hill in Albany whereon an old house stood conveyed to him by William Parker**

[214] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelius van Dyk and Mr Jan Jansz Blecker,

<sup>1</sup>On this date Sergeant William Parker received a patent for one of the "New Lotts of Ground lately Lay'd out at Albany uppermost towards the Hills of which Lott No. 8; conteyns in breadth forty five foot & in Length six Rod." The lot was on the west side of North Pearl street.

<sup>2</sup>Probably the patent of June 7, 1669; see p. 55.

magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Dirk Albertse Bratt, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Teunis Pieterse a lot whereon a small old house stood, lying on the hill, having to the north and west him, the grantor, to the south Harme Bastiaense and to the east the street; in breadth in front and rear twenty wood feet and one inch and in length on both sides sixty-seven wood feet with half of the alley lying in the rear from the south corner of the lot to the hill, which remains in common for him and the grantor; this day from which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him, the grantor, Capt. W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Teunis Pieterse, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the afore-said lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 9th of February 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*

DYRCK ALBERTZ BRAT

**Deed from Teunis Pietersen to Pieter Philipse Schuyler for a lot at Albany on the hill conveyed to the grantor by Dirck Albertsen Bratt and on which said Schuyler built a new house**

[215] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Teunis Pieterse, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Pieter Philipse Schuyler a lot whereon a small old house stood and whereon said Schuyler has built a new house lying on the hill, having to the north and west Dirk Albertse Bratt, to the south Harme Bastiaense and to the east the street; in breadth front and rear twenty wood

feet and one inch, in length on the east side as well as on the west side sixty-seven wood feet, with half of the alley which lies in the rear from the south corner of the lot to the hill which remains in common for Dirk Albertse Bratt and Pieter Phil: Schuyler; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him this day from Dirk Albertse Bratt,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Pieter Phil: Schuyler, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot and half alley in the rear as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 9th of February 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Johannes Provoost*

The words Dirk Albertse Bratt were  
interlined before signing.<sup>2</sup>

TEUNIS PIETERSEN

**Deed from Pieter Philipsen Schuyler to Evert Wendel, junior,  
for a new house and lot on the hill at Albany, the lot having  
been conveyed to the grantor by Teunis Pietersen**

[216] Appeared before me, Robert Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, the worthy Pieter Phillipse Schuyler, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Evert Wendel, Jun<sup>r</sup>, a new house and lot standing and lying in Albany on the hill, having to the north and west Dirk Albertse Bratt, to the south Harme Bastiaense and to the east the street; in breadth front and rear twenty wood feet and one inch

<sup>1</sup>This name was written above the line to take the place of that of Teunis Pieterse.

<sup>2</sup>See preceding note.

and in length on east and west sides sixty-seven wood feet, with the half of an alley which lies in the rear on the southwest corner of the lot towards the hill, which remains in common for the aforesaid Evert Wendel, Jun<sup>r</sup>. and Dirk Albertse Bratt; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Teunis Pieterse, dated the 9th of February of this year 1683<sup>q</sup>, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Evert Wendel, Jun<sup>r</sup>., his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot and half alley in the rear as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 10th of February 1683<sup>q</sup>.

*Corn: van Dyck*

PIETER SCHUYLER

*Jan Janse Bleecker*

In my presence,

Rob<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Deed from Dirck Albertsen Bratt to William Parker for a house and lot on the hill in Albany

[217] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Dirk Albertse Bratt, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Parker his house and lot standing and lying on the hill between the houses of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Gardener and Johannes Wendell, in breadth twenty feet and in length four rods, by virtue of the conveyance to him, the grantor, given by the aforesaid W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, dated the 11th of February 1679;<sup>1</sup> conveying the same back again, the house upon the lot having been built by him, the grantor, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:477.

lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 19th of February 168<sup>3</sup>.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

DYRCK ALBERTZ BRAT

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

### Deed from Major Abraham Staets to Johannes Wendel for a lot on the Pleyn outside the south gate of Albany

[218] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Maj<sup>r</sup>. Abraham Staets, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of his son-in-law Mr Johannes Wendel a certain lot lying without the south gate of Albany on the *Pleyn* (Plain) between the garden of Geertruy Vosburgh and the lot heretofore belonging to Claes Hendriks, having to the west and east the highway, in breadth south and north ten rods and eight feet and in length twelve rods and eleven feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls dated the 24th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he has made over said lot to said Wendel, his heirs,

<sup>1</sup>This was a confirmation of a grant by Stuyvesant to Thomas Chambers for "a certain Lott of Ground House & Garden lying & being in Beverwick at Fort Albany containing in breadth as well before as behind tenn Rod & eight foot in length twelve rod and eleaven foot abutting on the north to Abraham Pietersen Vosburgh on the south to Claes Hendricksens, & on the west to the waggon way which s<sup>d</sup> Patent or Groundbriefe graunted as afores<sup>d</sup> bearing date the 8<sup>o</sup> day of Novemb. 1658 was on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of this moneth transported & made over unto Capt<sup>a</sup>. Abraham Staets &c."

successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 21st of February 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

ABRAM STAES

In my presence,

ROBT. [blank]

**Deed from Reyer Jacobsen Schermerhorn, husband and guardian of Ariaentje Arents, widow of Elmer Otten, to Barent Albertsen Bratt for an old house and lot outside the north gate of Albany**

[219] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Ryer Jacobse Schermerhoorn, husband and guardian of his wife Ariaentie Arents, late widow of Elmer Otte, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Barent Albertse Bratt a certain old house and lot standing and lying without the north gate of Albany on the west side between the house of said Barent Albertse and the lot of Pieter Bogardus, being in breadth on the east side three rods, ten feet and on the west side four rods, in length on the south side as well as on the north side seven rods and three feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to Elmer Otte by the late Governor General Sir Edmund Andross, of date the 25th of March 1680,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that the payment was received by his predecessor, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid

<sup>1</sup> According to this patent, the house and lot originally belonged to Eldert Gerbertsen Crnyff, who exchanged it for another lot with Jan van Bremen [Jan van Bremen], after whose decease it was by order of the court sold at a public outcry by the trustees of the estate and bought by Elmer Otten. Taking this statement in connection with the disposal of van Bremen's farm at Catskill, mentioned on page 140, it would seem that the "lot" spoken of in the patent might refer to the land at Catskill.

Barent Albertse Bratt, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 21st of February 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*

[Not signed]

*Dirck Wesselsz*

**Deed from Dirck Albertsen Bratt to Andries Teller for a house and lot at Albany conveyed to the grantor by William Parker**

[220] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shaenhechtady etc., in the presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Dirk Albertse Bratt, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller, trader, his house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill wherein he, Dirk, now dwells, to the south of Jan Gilbert, being in breadth according to survey front and rear three rods, six feet and four inches, and in length five rods, four feet and three inches, Rhineland measure, being the same as conveyed to him by W<sup>m</sup>. Parker under date of the 9th of February 1683, from which must be deducted from the south side of said lot the lot on which young Evert Wendel's house stands, being in breadth twenty wood feet and one inch and in length sixty-seven wood feet with the half of the alley which lies in the rear on the south corner of the lot according to conveyance by him, the grantor, made to Teunis Pieterse on the 9th of February last; all the remainder the grantor conveys to said Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), always with the understanding that the clause comprehended in a certain contract dated the 11th of February last shall remain in full force, to wit, that if the grantor shall pay to Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller what he now owes him he may again obtain possession of the aforesaid house and lot for fifty beavers within the time of three years after the date of said contract but not thereafter, the said fifty beavers being the last payment due to Mr Teller; furthermore the clause respecting

the rent, etc. expressed in said agreement has its full effect and in case of nonperformance of what is specified in the contract or [221] agreement the house and lot with all that thereon is fast by nail or earth remains for the behoof of Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller, his heirs, or successor, or assigns, to do with and dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany on the 3d of March 1683.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

DYRCK ALBERTZ BRAT

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Contract of sale between two Mahican Indians and Andries Albertsen Bratt for land on the east side of the Hudson river (not executed)**

[222] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk, etc., these two Mahikan Indians, named Annape and Amahanet, the lame Indian, aged about 70 years, who declared that they had sold and Andries Albertse Bratt that he had bought of them with approbation of Madame Renselaer a certain parcel of woodland lying within the limits of the colony on the east side of Hudson's river above Albany, between the kill whereon said And<sup>s</sup>. Albertse Bratt's mill stands and Piskawen kill, extending from the claim or land of P<sup>r</sup>. van Wuggelum and that two miles into the woods, for which the said And<sup>s</sup>. Albertse Bratt now delivers to said two Indians eight pieces of duffel and two beavers in seawan, they acknowledging that they are fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving full possession and ownership to And<sup>s</sup>. Albertse Bratt, his heirs, successors or assigns and promising nevermore to do anything contrary hereto. In witness whereof they have signed these with their own hands in Albany on the ——

[not executed]



**Deed from Andries Teller to Cornelis van Dyck, husband and guardian of the widow of Capt. Sylvester Salisbury, for a house and lot in Albany (not executed)**

[223] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Jan Jansz Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mr Andries Teller, trader, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Cornelis van Dyck, husband and guardian of his wife Elisabeth, widow of Capt. Salisbury, deceased, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany where Joseph Yets now dwells, next to Aern<sup>t</sup>. Cornelse Viele, with all that thereon is fast by earth and nail, in consequence of a conveyance to him, the grantor, given by the late Capt. Salisbury of date the 1st of August 1673,<sup>1</sup> conveying the same back again, free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Mr Corn: van Dyk, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 16th of April 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

[not signed]

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

**Deed from Pieter Schuyler and Sybrant van Schaick to Teunis van der Poel for a lot on Jonker street on which Van der Poel built a house**

[224] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Jan Jansz Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Pieter Schuyler and Sybrant van Schayk, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over, as they hereby do, in true, rightful and free ownership to

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:04-05.

and for the behoof of Teunis vander Poel, a certain lot lying here in Albany on Jonkheer street, whereon said Vander Poel has built a new house, having to the east Jeronimus Wendel, to the north Hendrik Rooseboom, to the south and west the streets, being a corner house; in breadth on the street southwards, two rods and eight inches; on the west side, also on the street, length five rods, five feet, ten inches, and on the east side, length five rods, seven feet; breadth behind the house two rods, four feet, nine inches and at the end of the lot, northwards, but two rods and one foot, all Rhineland measure; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the conveyance to them given by Jacob Tyse vander Heyden, of date the 30th of November 1683, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors' having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that they are paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Teunis vander Poel, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 10th of June 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

PIETER SCHUYLER  
SYBRANT VAN SCHAIK

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from the constables of Albany as administrators of the estate of the late Teunis Willemsen Boots to Jean Forte *alias* Liberte for land in Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[225] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Cornelis van Dyk and Dirk Wessells, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Jacob Sanders Glen, Robt. Sanders and Albert Rykman, in capacity of constables of this place and administrators of the estate of Teunis Willemse Boots, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jean Forte, *alias* Liberte, all

the lands and possessions which said Teunis Willemse had in Canastagioene in his lifetime, with house, barn, ricks, orchard and lots, just as he possessed the same, comprising a certain parcel of arable land of ten morgens lying on the other side of the river at Canastagioene, to the east of Claes Janse van Bockhoven's farm with privilege of the woods [in common] with the other neighbors for a range for his cattle, etc., which parcel of land said Liberte has possessed now three years, being therewith content as he has had it in possession until now; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the conveyance to him, Teunis Willemse, given by Claes Janse van Bockhoven, of date the 8th of February 1673,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors' in capacity as administrators of the estate of the late Teunis Willemse, having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that they have received the last payment, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jean Forte, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 10th of June 1684.

Cornelis van Dyck  
Dirck Wesselsz

JACOB SAND: GLEN  
ROBERT SANDERSZ  
ALBERT RYCKMAN

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

(Copy sent off by the Post.)

**Deed from Catskill Indians to Cornelis van Dyck for lands at Catskill not included in the conveyance to Capt. Sylvester Salisbury**

[226] Appeared before us, Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, justices of the peace of the county of Albany,<sup>2</sup> the follow-

<sup>1</sup>See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:173-74 where Teunis Willemse is called "Van Wout Bergh." Evidently he is not the same person as Teunis Willemse who had children baptized in Albany in 1696-1700, as Professor Pearson states in a note. "Wout Bergh" may refer to Woudenberg in the province of Utrecht.

<sup>2</sup>This appears to be the first use in the conveyances of the term "county of Albany," though the county was erected by act of November 1, 1683.

ing two Indians, late owners of the land of Catskill heretofore bought by Capt. Salisbury, deceased, and Marte Gerritse, viz. the Indian named Maweyntay and commonly Shermerhoorn, and Onekeek commonly called Jan de Backer, representing their whole tribe and all others who have any claims in Catskill, who declared that the said land consisting of five flats with the woods lying round about there a Dutch mile east, west, south and north, was honestly paid for by Capt. Salisbury, deceased, and Marte Gerritse;<sup>1</sup> but whereas said Indian owners claim that they have some rights outside of the mile extending as well eastward to the shore as northward to the great flat heretofore bought by Capt. Jan Cloet, deceased, Jan Bruyn and Jurian Teunise, therefore, they now declare that they have sold, as they hereby do sell, fully convey and make over to Cornelis van Dyk and Marte Gerritse all their rights in the land, as well woodland, arable land, kills, creeks and appurtenances thereof, nothing whatsoever excepted that may be without the limits of their former sale, that is to say beyond the mile all around heretofore sold, extending eastward to the shore as far as the rights of Gysbert uytt den Boogaert and northwards up from a certain kill called *Stuck*,<sup>2</sup> where the claim of said Uyttenbogaert ends, along the river northward up to the *Vlu[c]ht-hock* in the Indian tongue named Machawamik, extending further along the claim of Capt. Cloet, deceased, Jan Bruyn and Jurian Teunise to the old Catskill path under the hill and so on to the former right of Catskill heretofore bought by Capt. Salisbury, deceased, and Marte Gerritse; furthermore they declare that they relinquish and fully release all the rights and claims which they or any of their friends, or relations or other Indians may have on or to any of the land within or without said boundaries lying there about, turning over their rights aforementioned to Cornelis van Dyk and Marte Gerritse, their heirs, or successors forever, having there- [227] for, in our presence received three pieces of strouding, one kettle, two shirts, two half casks of beer and a pair of stockings, wherewith they declare they are fully content and satisfied, promising this purchase to warrant and defend against all persons from all trouble and claims which may arise from Christians or Indians.

<sup>1</sup> See Deed of July 8, 1678, on p. 19 of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> In another deed printed on p. 225, this kill or creek is described as coming out into the river over against Vastrick's island, now known as Rogers' island.

Laterally, "Refuge Point", i. e. "Flying corner," as in E. M. Rutenber, *Indian Geographical Names*, p. 176.

In witness of the truth of which the aforesaid two Indians have signed and sealed this with their marks in presence of an Indian named Papegay,<sup>1</sup> in Albany the 13th of June 1684.

<p>The mark X of <i>Papegay</i>, made with his own hand.</p> <p><i>Dirck Wesselsz</i> <i>Jan Jansz Bleecker</i></p>	<p>The mark X of MAWEYNTAY or SHERMERHOORN, made with his own hand. (L. S.)</p> <p>The mark X of ONEKEEK or JAN DE BACKER, made with his own hand. (L. S.)</p>
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In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Pieter Davidsen Schuyler, husband of the widow of Gerrit van Schaick, to Johannes Thomassen Mingael for a lot without the north gate of Albany on which Aert Goossens van Twiller built a house**

[228] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyck and Mr Dirck Wessells, justices of the peace, Pieter Davidtse Schuyler, husband and guardian of his wife Alida, late widow of Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Schayk, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Johannes Thomase Mingael a certain small piece of land lying without the north gate on which Aert Goosense van Twiller<sup>2</sup> built a small house, having to the south and west of him, the grantor, to the north Ger<sup>t</sup>. Ryerse and to the east the highway; in breadth, front and rear, two rods, seven feet, on the south one rod, three feet and a half, on the north eleven feet and a half; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to his predecessor, Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Schayk, given by Annetje Lievens, of date the 4th of March 167<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>,<sup>3</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Johannes Thomase Mingael, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from

<sup>1</sup> A Dutch word meaning "Parrot."

<sup>2</sup> About him, see *Van Rensselaer Boecier Mss.*, p. 840.

<sup>3</sup> *Early Records of Albany*, 1:176-77.

all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 16th of June 1684.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

PIETER DAVIDTSEN SCHUYLER

In my presence,  
ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Johannes Thomassen Mingael to the constables of Albany, administrators of the estate of Aert Goossens van Twiller, for a lot without the north gate of Albany on which Van Twiller built a house**

[229] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Kenselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleecker, justices of the peace, Johannes Thomase Mingael, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of the administrators of the estate of Aert Goosense van Twiller, that is to the constables of this place, a certain piece of land lying without the north gate of Albany whereon Aert Goosense built a little house, adjoining on the south and west Pieter Davidtse Schuyler, on the north Gerrit Reverse, on the east the highway; in breadth, front and rear, two rods and seven feet, to the south one rod, three and a half feet, to the north eleven and a half feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Pieter Davidtse Schuyler, dated the 16th of June 1684, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he is fully satisfied and paid therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid constables in capacity as administrators of the estate of Aert Goosense to do with and dispose of the same as they in the capacity aforesaid have the right to do, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 17th of June 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Janse Bleecker*

JOHAENNIS TOEMISSEN MINGAEL  
In my presence,  
ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from an Esopus Indian named Curpuwaen to Gysbert  
Uytenbogaert for land at Catskill**

[230] Appeared before us, Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Cornelis van Dyck, justices of the peace for the county of Albany, a certain Esopus Indian named Curpuwaen, representing all the other Esopus Indians who may have any claims thereto, who declared that he conveyed and made over to Gysbert uyt den Bogaert a certain parcel of woodland lying on the north side of Catskill where he at present dwells, extending from *Boomtjes hock*<sup>1</sup> up the river northwards to a little kill named *Stuck*, which comes out into the river over against Vastrikken island,<sup>2</sup> extending further westward into the woods to below Dirk Teunise's mill to the south, to the first small kill that flows out into Hans Vossen kill,<sup>3</sup> running along Hans Vossen kill to where the same flows out into the Catskill and so further along the Catskill again to *Boomtjes hock*; which aforesaid land he, Curpuwaen, as the rightful owner thereof, conveys and makes over to Gysbert uyt den Bogaert, his heirs, or successors forever and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon and without his having any further claims thereto, acknowledging that he has received in full payment and satisfaction therefor, one coverlet, one gun, one kettle, one beaver in stockings, one beaver in rum, two shirts, two half casks of beer, for which consideration he hereby delivers the said land into the possession and ownership of said Gysbert uyt den Bogaert, to have and hold the same forever with the appurtenances thereof lying within said limits, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "Small Trees' Point."

<sup>2</sup> The same as Vastrix, or Vastrick's island, now known as Rogers island. According to E. M. Rutenber, *Indian Geographical Names*, p. 48, *Vastrix* is a compression of Dutch *'Vaste Rak* as written on Van der Donck's map of 1656, meaning, "The fast or steady reach or sailing course," which began here. Egbert Benson, *Memoir of the Names of Places in New Netherland*, 1816, reprinted 1848, p. 44, says: "The island between Cats Kill and Hudson, under the east shore of *Vastrick's* Island, so called after Garret Vastrick." The latter explanation sounds more plausible, though there seems to be no record of any conveyance of the island to either Gerrit or Robert Vastrick, both of whom were in the colony of Rensselaerswyck about 1650.

<sup>3</sup> Apparently so named after Hans Vos, Vosch, or de Vos, who was *ondershout* (deputy sheriff) in Beverwyck in 1658. He is given in the Rensselaerswyck records as from "Baeden," and in the Court Minutes of Beverwyck, 1658-60, p. 80, as born in "Lunnenburgh," which would seem to indicate that "Baeden" refers not to the grand-duchy of Baden, but to the village of Baden in Hannover.

anything to be done contrary hereto. In witness of the truth of which the aforesaid Indian has signed and sealed these with his mark on Marte Gerritse Island, the 26th of July 1684.

Interpreted by Gerſ. Teunise                    The mark X of CULPUWAEN, made  
with his own hand  
Marten Gertsen                    In my presence.  
Cornelis van Dyck                    ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Jannetje Powell, widow of Thomas Powell, to Jacob Jansen Gardenier for a lot in Kinderhook**

[231] Appeared before me, Robt. Livingston, clerk of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jannetie Pawel, widow of the late Thomas Pawel, deceased, who declared that she granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Janse Gardenier a lot lying at Kinderhoek whereon said Jacob Janse has built a house, having to the west P<sup>te</sup> Moree, to the east Lawrence van Ale, to the south the kill and to the north the hill: being in breadth in front 16 rods and in the rear thirty-seven rods; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to her husband, deceased, by the late Governor General Richd. Nicolls dated the 13th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, therefore giving *plena actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jacob Janse Gardenier, his heirs, successors, or assigns the aforesaid lot to have and to hold forever to him the aforesaid Jacob Janse, his heirs and successors to do with and dispose thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, without the opposition or contradiction of anyone.

Done in Albany, the 26th of July 1684.

Cornelis van Dyck                    The mark X of JANNETIE PAWELL, made  
Jan Jansz Bleeker                    with her own hand  
In my presence.

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

<sup>1</sup>No record of this patent is found.



**Deed from George Heathcote to Robert Sanders for a house and lot and another lot in the rear on the hill in Albany**

[232] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck, etc., Mr George Heathcoat, trader in N: York, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, having to the north the house of Jan Gilbert heretofore belonging to Teunis Slingerlant, to the west the street, to the south Gerrit Lansingh, and to the east Harme Bastiaense and Claes Jacobse:<sup>1</sup> breadth in front on the street against the hill twenty-three feet and three inches, and in the rear the same, in length fifty-two feet and eight inches, by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Harme Bastiaense, of date the 26th of August 1676; together with a lot behind this on the other street, having south Claes Jacobse, to the north Harme Bastiaense, to the east the street and to the west the lot hereinbefore described; length, east and west, seventy-six wood feet and breadth, front and rear, twenty-two wood feet, by virtue of the conveyance to him, the grantor, given by Claes Jacobse, of date the 26th of August 1676; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claims in the least thereon, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and two lots as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 23d of July 1684.

GEO. HEATHCOTE

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, Cl.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

<sup>1</sup> Professor Pearson here supplies the name "Groesbeek," while the deeds of August 26, 1676 (*Early Records of Albany*, 1:135-37), mentioned above, refer to "Claes Jacobse, *alias* Rotterdam." That these names refer to one and the same person seems borne out by certain entries in Dutch Reformed Church records at Albany, in spite of the fact that there is no similarity between the signatures of Claes Jacobse Rotterdam in *Deeds*, 1:310, 323, and that of Claes Jacobse Groesbeek in *Wills*, 1:136. Groesbeek is a place near Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

**Deed from Jan Jansen Bleecker and Lawrence van Alen to Jacob Lokermans for a house and lot in Albany**

[233] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnectady, etc., Mr Jan Janse Bleecker, a fellow magistrate, and Lawrence van Ale, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Lokermans a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, with all that thereon is fast by earth and nail, having to the south the house of Pieter Winne and to the north Geurt Hendrix, to the east the street and to the west the wagon road; in breadth, front and rear, four rods and in length from the street to the wagon road; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the conveyance to them given by Paulus Martense Rademaker,<sup>1</sup> dated the 2d of March 1680, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors' having any claims in the least thereon, acknowledging that they are fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he [Lokermans] could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 25th of July 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

JAN JANSZ BLEECKER  
LOURUS VAN ALE

**Deed from Barent Albertsen Bratt to Jacob Abrahamse Cuyper for a lot in Albany, the house on which was rebuilt by the grantee**

[234] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk, etc., Barent Albertse Bratt, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Abrahamse Cuyper a certain lot whereon stood a certain house which said Jacob Abrahamse rebuilt, lying here in Albany, in breadth twenty-five feet, in length to the lot of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders, having on the east side Hendrik Bries, on the south side the street, on the west side the lot that said Jacob Abrahamse bought of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Slichtenhorst and to

<sup>1</sup> Paulus Martensen van Benthuisen, wheelwright.

the north Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Gerrit Lansing, of date the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1668,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jacob Abrahamse Cuyper to do with and dispose of the same as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the first day of August 1684.

Sealed and signed in y<sup>e</sup> presence of

*Dirck Wesselsz*

his

BARENT X ALBERTSE BRATT

mark

(L. S.)

**Deed from Mohawk sachems to Governor Thomas Dongan for land on both sides of the Mohawk river west of the bounds of Schenectady<sup>2</sup>**

[235] Know all men by these Presents, that we underwritten Maquase Sachims Indian owners, for and [in] Considera<sup>e</sup>on of these following goods, in hand Paid to witt 6 faddon Duffels 3 gunns 3 kittles & three bags Powder sixty gild wampum four and twenty barrs of Lead six shirts y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof wee doe oune and acknowledge, & off y<sup>e</sup> Payment, doe fully Dis[c]harge, have bargained Sold aliened & Transported, & by these Presents doe Bargain Sell Alien, & Transport all our Right Title & Interest unto y<sup>e</sup> Right hon<sup>ble</sup>. Col. Tho: Dongan Lief<sup>t</sup> and gov. gen<sup>l</sup>. under his Roy: Highnesse James Duke of York: y<sup>e</sup>. off N: York & its Dependencies, & to his heires & assigns for Ever, in a Certain Tract or Parcell of Land seituate lying & being upon y<sup>e</sup> Maquase River, within y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany, beginning, where y<sup>e</sup> Bounds & limitts off Shinnectady End & Terminate, att a Certain Place called by y<sup>e</sup> natives Caggawawoone & so Running up both sides of y<sup>e</sup> River to a Creek or kill Cald & known by

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:439-40.

<sup>2</sup> This document is written in English.

y<sup>e</sup> name off Ottnewadesat; together with all our Right, title & Interest in all y<sup>e</sup> wood Lands Pastures Meadows, Marches creeks Rivers Rivelets Creeks Kills, trees timber, w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Commodities, Emuloments, & Conveniencies thereunto Appertaining & belonging, to have & to hold y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Tract & Parcell of Land & Premises to him his heires & assigns for Ever, & in y<sup>e</sup> quiet full & Peaceable Possession of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. [236] Tract & Parcell of Land & Premises him y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Tho: Dongan his heires & assigns to keep & mentain, we binde ourselves our heires & assigns for Ever firmly by these Presents in witsesse whereof we have hereunto Putt our marks & seals in, Albany y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. day of August 1684.

This is Read and In-	The mark X of RHODE	(L. S.)
terpreted to them	The mark off TAILIS KANOENDE	

by us		(L. S.)
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<i>Arnoudt Corn. Vicle</i>	The mark of X SARIGHTO	(L. S.)
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*Robbert Sandersz*

*Johannes Wendel*

Sign<sup>d</sup>. seal<sup>d</sup>. and Deliver<sup>d</sup>. in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Ger. Baxter*

*J. Sprague*

*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston*

### Deed from Jacob Thyssen van der Heyden to Tierk Harmensen for a house and lot in Albany

[237] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, etc., Jacob Tyse vand<sup>r</sup>. Heyden, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Tierk Harmense a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany wherein said Tierk dwells, with all the appurtenances as the same lies in its fence and with all that is fast by earth and nail (saving the lord's right), having come to him, the grantor, from the attorneys of Lammert van Eck as appears by their acquittance executed the 28th of July last, signed by Abrah: Staets and Hans Hendrix, and he, the grantor, hereby declares that he has no further claim whatsoever thereon, having received the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Tierk Harmense, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble,

claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 2d of August 1684.

JACOB THEYSEN VAND H[EYDEN]

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Claes Jansen Stavast to Pieter Pietersen van Wog-  
gelum for a house and lot in Albany**

[238] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, etc., Claes Janse Stavast, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Pieter Pietersen van Wuggelum his, the grantor's, house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, having to the south Marte Gerritse, to the north Leendert Phillipse, to the east the river and to the west the street; in length nine rods and in breadth thirty-six wood feet: free and unincumbered without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), which he does by virtue of the conveyance given to him, the grantor, by Stoffel Janse,<sup>1</sup> deceased, dated the 25th of July 1676, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Pieter Pieterse van Wuggelum to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 2d of August 1684.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

CLAES JANSEN STAVAST

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

<sup>1</sup> Stoffel Jansen Abeel; see deed of July 25, 1676, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:130.

**Deed from Gerrit Visbeeck, husband and guardian of the widow of Jan Fransen van Hoesen, to Hans Juriaensen for a parcel of woodland at Claverack**

[239] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shimnechtady, etc., Gert. Visbeeck, husband and guardian of Volkje, late widow of Jan Franse van Hoesen, who declared that he granted and conveyed, as he does hereby, to and for the behoof of Hans Juriaense a certain parcel of woodland where he now dwells,<sup>1</sup> lying between the land of Jan Roothaer<sup>2</sup> and that of Jacob Janse van Hoese, having Jan Roothaer to the north and Jacob Janse to the south and running straight to the shore, keeping the same width which it has inland between said boundary lines; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to Jan Franz van Hoesen by the late Governor General Richard Nicolls, bearing date the 14th of May 1667,<sup>3</sup> to which reference is herein made, for which land the grantor acknowledges that he has received satisfaction, promising to defend the same from all trouble, claims and demands which may hereafter arise (saving the lord's right), binding thereto his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to all courts. Done in Albany on the 4th of August 1684.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

GERRET VI[S]BEECK

<sup>1</sup> At this point the words: *groot hondert morgen* (containing one hundred morgens) were erased.

<sup>2</sup> Jan Hendricksen, *alias* Roothaer (Red hair); see next note. Egbert Benson, in his *Memoir*, 1817, p. 16, says: "Jan Roodhaer, a little freely translated *Foxy-head John*."

<sup>3</sup> In this patent the land is described as "being at Claveracke near Albany stretching from the small Creeke or Kill by Jan Hendricksens al[ia]s Roothaer to the Land belonging to Gerrit Slichtenhoorsts which s<sup>d</sup> p<sup>cell</sup> of Land takes in three of the clavers, on the south side of the s<sup>d</sup> Roothaers and strikes into the woods near about the way that goes over the great Creek or Kill, & so going forwards it includes all the Land within the Bounds of the markt Trees, & the creeke or Kill which s<sup>d</sup> p<sup>cell</sup> of Land was upon the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1662 purchased fro[m] the Indyan Proprietofs: with leave of the Governour by Jan Frans van Housen, and due satisfaction given by the same."

The use of the word "clavers" in this patent is interesting and suggests that Claver-rack may mean something else than Clover-reach, as commonly stated. *Claver* means "clover," but the use of the word in the sense of a piece of land, possibly a clover field or a meadow in the shape of a clover leaf, is peculiar.

**Deed from Gerrit Visbeek, husband and guardian of the widow of Jan Fransen van Hoesen, to Jacob Jansen van Hoesen for a parcel of woodland at Claverack**

[240] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Ger<sup>t</sup>. Visbeek, husband and guardian of his wife Volkje, widow of Jan Frans van Hoese, deceased, who declared that he granted and conveyed to and for the behoof of Jacob Janse van Hoese, his wife's son, and to his heirs, or assigns a piece of woodland lying in the Claverak to the south of Hans Juriense, as wide as it is pointed out to him and so [of uniform width] right on to the shore, on which he now dwells; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to his predecessor Jan Frans van Hoese by the late [Governor] General Rich: Nicolls, dated the 14th of May 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), for which piece of woodland the grantor acknowledges that he has received satisfaction, promising to defend the same from all demands, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done at Albany, the 4th of August 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Marten Gertsen*

GERRET VISBEECK

**Deed from Gerrit Visbeek, husband and guardian of the widow of Jan Fransen van Hoesen, to Frank Hardick for a parcel of woodland at Claverack**

[241] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates, Ger<sup>t</sup>. Visbeek, husband and guardian of his wife, late widow of Jan Frans van Hoese, deceased, who declared that he granted and conveyed to and for the behoof of Frank Hardick, his heirs, or assigns, a certain piece of woodland lying at the Claverak, about one English mile from Ger<sup>t</sup>. Visbeek's house, right out east, of one hundred morgens, which he has already taken possession of and fenced and so from thence to the shore, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to his predecessor Jan Frans van Hoese by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated the 14th of May 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), for which piece

<sup>1</sup> See note to preceding deed.

<sup>2</sup> See note to deed of same date as the present from Gerrit Visbeek to Hans Juriansen, on p. 232.

of woodland the grantor acknowledges that he has received satisfaction, promising to defend the same from all demands, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done at Albany, the 4th of August 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Marten Gertsen*

GERRET VISBEECK

Deed from Maes Cornelissen, attorney for Jacob Jansen Gardenier, to Adam Dingemans for a lot and a farm at Kinderhook

[242] Appeared to us, the undersigned magistrates, Maes Cornelise,<sup>1</sup> attorney for Jacob Janse Gardenier, who declared that he granted and conveyed to and for the behoof of Adam Dingemans, his heirs [and assigns], a lot lying at Kinderhoek on which said Jacob Janse has built a house, having to the west Pieter Moree, to the east Lawrence van Ale, to the south the kill of Kinderhoek and to the north the hill, being in breadth in front nineteen rods and in the rear thirty-seven rods, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Jannetie Powells, widow of the late Thom: Powel, deceased, of date the 26th of July last past, to which reference is herein made and that free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right); likewise is conveyed to said Adam Dingemans the farm on which he now dwells as it lies in its fence and as it came to him, the grantor, from Evert Luykasse by conveyance dated the 8th of September 1677,<sup>2</sup> being the just half of the land Evert Luykasse there owned, lying on the south side, with all the rights, property and appurtenances thereof lying on the east side of the kill of Kinderhoek, being the middle piece of land there; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of said conveyance dated the 8th of September 1677, and that free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), for which lot of land and farm the grantor in the capacity aforesaid acknowledges that satisfaction has been given to Jacob Janse and promises to defend the land from all future claims, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done at Albany, the 4th of August 1684.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

MAES CORNELYSZ

I approve and confirm what Maes  
Corn: has subscribed to above

JACOB JANSEN GERDENYER

<sup>1</sup> Maes Cornelissen was a son of Cornelis Maesen van Buymalsen, the ancestor of the Van Buren family. See about the latter *Van Rensselaer Bowler Mss.*, p. 180-81, 807. Maes stands for Thomas; see Johan Winkler, *Studien in Nederlandsche namenkunde*, p. 179, 101.

<sup>2</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:162-63.



**Deed from Lawrence van Alen and Maritje, widow of Pieter van Alen, administrators of the latter's estate, to Harmen Jansen for land at Kinderhook (not signed)**

[243] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates, Lawrence van Ale and Maritje, late widow of Pr. van Ale, deceased, in capacity as curators of the estate of Pr. van Ale aforementioned, who declare that they grant and convey to and for the behoof of Harme Janse a certain parcel of land being to the east of the kill behind Kinderhoek extending from below the land of Evert Luycasse, going southward to Nohachtequaesich and then further into the woods so far as the rights of the Indians extend, which they, the grantors, do by virtue of the patent granted to Pieter van Ale, deceased, by the Right Honorable Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated June 26, 1668,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made and that free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), for which parcel of land the grantors acknowledge that they have received satisfaction and promise the same to defend from all future claims, binding themselves thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 5th of August 1684.

[not signed]

**Deed from Harmen Jansen**

[244] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates, Harme Janse, who declared that he granted and conveyed to and for the behoof . . .

[The remainder wanting]

**Deed from Robert Sanders, attorney for Thomas Davidtsen Kikebel, to Dirck Bensing for a house and lot opposite the church in Albany**

[245] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, colony of Renselaerwyk, etc., Robert Sanders, in capacity of attorney for Thomas Daves, as appears by the instrument thereof dated the 1st of July 1684, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Dirk Bensing and to his heirs a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany over against the church between the houses of Maj. Abraham Staes and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Visbeek, in breadth in front on the street and in the rear against the town posts thirty-nine wood feet and in length one

<sup>1</sup>This patent was granted to Pieter van Alen in confirmation of his purchase of the land from the Indians on June  $\frac{1}{2}$  1666.

hundred and fifty-five feet, which he, the grantor does by virtue of the power of attorney aforesaid and of the conveyance to Thomas Davis given by Ger<sup>t</sup>. Visbeek, dated the 1st of August 1682,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), for which house and lot the grantor acknowledges that Thomas Davidtse has had full satisfaction, the first penny with the last, promising to defend the same from all trouble, challenge, claims and demands which may hereafter arise, binding thereto his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to all courts. Done in Albany, the 13th of August 1684.

The words "to his heirs," in the sixth line, and "hundred and fifty-five feet," in the eleventh line, were written before signing.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*

ROBERT SANDERZ

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

**Deed from Reyer Jacobsen Schermerhorn to Barent Albertsen Bratt for a house and lot without the north gate of Albany**

[246] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates, Ryer Jacobse Schermerhoorn who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Barent Albertse Bratt a certain house and lot standing and lying without the north gate of Albany on the west side between the houses of said Barent Bratt and Pr. Bogardus, being in breadth on the east side three rods, ten feet, on the west side four rods, in length on the south side as well as on the north side seven rods and three feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to his predecessor Elmer Otte by the late Governor General Sir Edmund Andross, dated the 25th of March 1680,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right), for which house and lot the grantor acknowledges that his predecessor received satisfaction, the first penny with the last, and promises to defend the same from all trouble, claims or incumbrances that may hereafter arise, binding

<sup>1</sup> See p. 162. See also deed from Anna Wymans, the wife of Thomas Davidtsen Kikebel, to Dirck Bensing, for same property, dated August 1, 1682, on p. 164.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 216.

thereto his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to all courts. Done in Albany, the 13th of August 1684.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

REYER JACOBSEN SCHIERMERHOORN

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Adriaen Gerritsen van Papendorp, administrator of the estate of Rutger Arentsen, deceased, to Dirck Wessels and Gerrit Banker, attorneys for Barentje Paus, widow of Jan Harmensen Backer, for a house and lot in Albany**

[247] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates of Albany, etc., Mr Adriaen Gerritse van Papendorp, in capacity of administrator of the estate of Rutger Arentsen, deceased, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Ger<sup>t</sup>. Banker, attorney for Barentie Paus, widow and relict of Jan Hermense Backer, deceased, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany with all that thereon is fast by earth and nail, standing between the houses of Gabriel Thomson and said Jan Harmense, deceased, on the Jonkheer street, just as the same was possessed and occupied by said Rutger Arentse, deceased, up to his death and all the rights therein which belonged to him; being in length according to the patent to said Rut Arentse granted by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, of date the 2d of May 1667,<sup>1</sup> to wit, three rods, nine feet, ten inches, and in breadth in front on the street eleven feet and seven inches and to the north seven feet; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), for which house and lot the grantor acknowledges that he has received full satisfaction, the first penny with the last, and promises to defend the same from all trouble, claims and demands which may hereafter arise and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 5th of September 1684.

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

ADRIAEN GERRETSEN PAPENDORP

<sup>1</sup>This was a confirmation of the conveyance from Pieter Claerbout to Rutger Arentsen of December 17, 1664, for which see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:66. The description in the patent reads: "for a certain house and Lott of Ground lying in Beverwick at Albany in the Highstreet to the East of the s<sup>d</sup> Pieter Claerbout and to the west of Jan Coster van Ankers," which is the reverse of the description in the translation of the deed

**Deed from Jannetje Powell, widow of Thomas Powell, to Steven Jansen Coningh for a third part of a parcel of woodland behind the Kinderhook**

[248] Appeared before us, the undersigned magistrates, Jannetie Pauels, widow of the late Tho: Powell, who declared that she conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Steven Janse Cooningh a third part of a certain parcel of woodland lying behind the Kinderhook, on the north side of the old wagon road from the beginning of the kill to the *Spiegell*, which land he bought for him and And<sup>s</sup>. Hanse Sherp and Gysbert Cornelise in accordance with the contract of sale thereof dated the 5th of March 1666, which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to her husband deceased on the 13th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that she is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Steven Janse Coning, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the third part of the aforesaid land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects. Done in Albany, the 6th of September 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

The mark X of JANNETIE POWELL,  
made with her own hand

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Jan de Wever to the heirs of Cornelis Wyncoop for two parcels of land in the Esopus**

[249] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Jan d'Weever,<sup>2</sup> who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of the rightful heirs of Cornelis Wyncoop two parcels of land lying in the Sopus, close by the *Nieuw Dorp*,<sup>3</sup> one parcel consisting of nine morgens or eighteen acres and three hundred rods, and the other consisting of twenty-four acres or twelve morgens and four hundred and fifty rods, together with a lot in the town<sup>4</sup> to the west of Lambert Huybertse and to the south of the highway, being in breadth eleven rods and in depth

<sup>1</sup> This patent is not recorded.

<sup>2</sup> Literally: Jan, the weaver; probably the same as Jan Martensen.

<sup>3</sup> The "New Village," meaning Hurley, near Kingston, N. Y.

<sup>4</sup> *In d' stadt*; referring to Kingston, N. Y.

twenty rods, and that all by virtue of a certain patent, to him, the grantor, given by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated the 11th of June 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, as well in respect to the bounds as otherwise, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), for which parcels of land and lot the grantor acknowledges that he has received satisfaction from Cornelis Wyncoop and promises to defend the same from all trouble, claims and demands that may hereafter arise, binding thereto his person and estate, present and future, submitting the same to all courts. Done in Albany, the 10th of September 1684.

*Cornelis van Dyck*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

The mark X of JAN D'WEVER, made  
with his own hand

**Deed from Harmen Gansevoort to the heirs of Jan Conell for his farm at Catskill (not executed)**

[250] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace, Harme Gansevoort, master brewer and burgher of this town of Albany, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of the lawful heirs and successors of Jan Conell his farm lying at Catskill, with all the appurtenances thereof, buildings, house and fence, just as he, the grantor, has possessed the same, lying near the mouth of the kill,<sup>2</sup> being the land that came to him and Elbert Gerbertse Cruyff from Andries de Yersman,<sup>3</sup> who married the widow of Pieter

<sup>1</sup>In this patent, which was a confirmation of the grant to Jan de Wever of April 25, 1663, the land is described as "a parcell of Land lying in Esopus neare unto the new village, or the westermost piece of Land, to the East of Nicholas Varletts, & to the west of Everard Pells a line being runn from the Hills to the Creek or Kill northwest and by north it conteins in breadth thirty Rod & is in bignesse about eighteen acres or nine margen, & three hundred Rod: As also a parcell upon the great piece of Land to the west of Nicholas Varletts, & to the East of Everard Pells a line being runn as before Its in breadth forty Rod, & conteyns in all about twenty four acres or twelve margen, & four hundred and fifty Rod. Together with a Loot of Ground in the Towne to the west of Lambert Huyberts, & to the South of the Highway, being in breadth eleaven, & in depth twenty Rod."

<sup>2</sup>*gléegeen voor aen d'kill.*

<sup>3</sup>Andries the Irishman. Judging from his name, one might take him to have been the father of Jan Andriessen, the Irishman who had a farm in Catskill and who died between March 12 and November 28, 1664. It is not unlikely, however, that both names refer to one and the same person. See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:63-64, 71, 345.

Teunise van Bronswyk,<sup>1</sup> he, the grantor, having afterwards bought the half of Elbert Gerbertse Cruyff; all which he, the grantor, grants and makes over to the executors or administrators of said Jan Conell by virtue of the patent from the Honorable Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated the 16th of May 1667,<sup>2</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (save the lord's right), without the grantor making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid administrators of the estate of Jan Conell to do with and dispose of the same as executors or administrators by law have a right to do, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany . . . [Not executed].

**Deed from Hilleke Bronck, widow of Pieter Bronck to Hendrick Martensen Beekman and Jacob Cornelissen van den Boogaert for a lot in Albany on which the grantor built a house**

[251] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace in the county of Albany, Hilleken Bronks, widow of the late Pieter Bronks, who declared that she granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Hendrik Martense Beekman and Jacob Cornelise van den Boogaert a certain lot lying here in Albany whereon the blockhouse stood and on which she, Elle, has built a house, having to the south Albert Rykman, to the north Jan van Loon to the west the highway and to the east the road along the town's palisades; in breadth in front on the street four rods less ten inches and in the rear two rods, two feet, two inches, and in length thirteen rods, eight feet, six inches; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to her late husband by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls,

<sup>1</sup> Pieter Teunissen from Brunswick; see about him *Van Rensselaer Bowvier Mss.*, p. 839.

<sup>2</sup> This was a confirmation to Elbert Gerbertsen Cruyff and Harmen Harmensen Gansevoort for two parcels of land at Catskill granted to Pieter Teunissen van Brunswick on October 25 and November 16, 1653, the first parcel being on the south side of the kill and containing about 44 acres, and the second parcel being on the north side of the kill, opposite the first parcel, and containing about twelve acres. According to the patent both parcels were bought by Cruyff and Gansevoort of Andries de Yersman in 1660. Cf. contract of sale between Harmen Gansevoort and Jan Conell, April 20, 1678, in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:180-81.

dated the 11th of June 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, for which lot the grantor acknowledges that she has received satisfaction and promises to defend the same from all future claims, binding herself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 23d of September 1684.

*Dirck Wesselsz*

HYLEKE BRONCK

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Mahikan Indians to Sybrant van Schaick for land  
back of Kinderhook south of Pompoenick**

[252] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, the following Mahikan Indians, owners of a certain parcel of land lying behind Kinderhook to the south of Pompoenick, viz, Wapemanitto, Sikkaneek, Pichketay a squaw, and Mamanequanaskqua also a squaw, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Sybrant van Schayk a certain parcel of land (beginning from the claim of J: Bruyn where three white bark oak trees were marked by Joehim Lambertse, then authorized by said Jan Bruyn to mark his division line)<sup>2</sup> which land lies upon the little kill to the south of Pompoenick, by the Indians called Kewaghtequak, running into the great Kinderhook kill; the land lies on both sides of said little kill up the kill, comprising six flats of arable land together with the woodland lying thereby, containing together about eight hundred acres or four hundred morgens, being on the south side of the hill and on the north side of the path that goes to N. England, but inasmuch as the path aforesaid runs along the hindermost flat, Sybrant has also bought two thousand paces across the N: England path to the south; all of which they declare to convey together

<sup>1</sup> Pieter Bronck received on that date two patents, one for land near Catskill and the other for a house and lot in Albany "to the North of Juriaen Jans Groenewout, & to the South of Leendert Phillipsen, conteyning in breadth to the west of the waggon way six Rod eleaven foot three inches Rynland measure, & to the East of the way towards the River five Rod, seaven foot, & a halfe, in length to the North of Juriaen Jans Groenewout, & to the South of Leendert Phillipsen thirteen Rod, & two foot. Together with a Garden lying behind the House towards the River . . ." Cf. Deed from Geertruy Barents, and the administrators of the estate of Reyndert Pietersen to Albert Ryckman, July 1, 1678, on p. 17 of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> The words in parentheses were inserted between the lines with the following marginal note: "N. B. This was submitted for insertion by Pt. Schuyler and Sybrant, it having been forgotten, as they say, on this 8th day of Feb. 1684."

with all their rights comprised within said bonds as regards kills, creeks, woods, trees, marshes, brush lands, hills and dales, nothing reserved, acknowledging that in full payment and satisfaction therefor they have received the following goods now delivered to them, to wit: one hundred guilders seawan, two pieces of strouding, two blankets, six coats, four pieces of duffel, two sacks of powder, six shirts, two kettles, five axes, two guns, four pairs of stockings, ten bars of lead and twenty pounds of shot, four half casks of beer, a roll of tobacco, and one dozen pipes, wherewith the owners acknowledge that they are contended and satisfied, he, the buyer, having likewise paid to the widow of Jan Thomase the quantity of nine beavers for her claim. The aforesaid owners promise to defend said land from all claims and demands of Christians and Indians, delivering the same to Sybrant van Schayk, his heirs, executors and assigns, doing the same as lawful owners and heirs of the old Indian named the Jonckheer, who in his lifetime possessed this aforesaid land. In witness whereof they have signed these with their marks in the court house of Albany on the 3d of October 1684.

*Marten Gertsen*

The mark X of WAPEMANITTO

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*

The mark X of SIKKANEEK

*Gabriell Tomasen,*

The mark X of PICIKETAY

as interpreter

The mark X of MAMANEQUANASQUA

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

Tapgayet, a Mahikan Indian, testifies that the aforesaid Indians are the rightful owners of the land that they have sold to Sybrant van Shayk conveyed in this deed and in confirmation thereof has made his mark below, *datum ut supra* in presence of two justices of the peace.

The mark X of TAPGAYETT.

**Deed from Hendrick Rooseboom to Madam Margareta Schuyler, widow of Philip Schuyler, for a piece of a lot in Albany behind the house in which her son Arent Schuyler dwells**

[253] Appeared before us, justices of the peace for the county of Albany, Hendrik Rooseboom who acknowledged that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Madam Margareta Schuyler, widow of the late Mr Phillip Schuyler, deceased, a certain piece of a lot lying behind the house wherein her son Arent dwells, the lot whereon said house stands having also been conveyed by the grantor to Mr Ph:



Schuyler deceased on the 14th of June 1677;<sup>1</sup> the lot behind the same, which is now conveyed, is in length, east and west, thirteen rods and eleven feet and in breadth to the west thirty wood feet and in the rear two rods and nine feet Rhineland measure, all as the same now lies inclosed in its fence, having to the south Omy La Grangie and Jan Hendrik Bruyn, to the north Joh: Rooseboom and Evert Wendel, Jun<sup>r</sup>., to the east a common way and to the west the house and lot heretofore conveyed to Mr Ph: Schuyler by the grantor; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to him by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated the 30th of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), for which piece of a lot the grantor acknowledges that he has received full satisfaction by the hands of the late Mr Ph: Schuyler, the first penny with the last, and therefore promises to defend the said lot from all future claims, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 11th of October 1684.

HENDRICK ROOSEBOOM

*Jan Jansz Bleecker*  
*Dirck Wesselsz*

In my presence,  
RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Margareta Schuyler, widow of Capt. Philip Schuyler,  
to her son Arent Schuyler for a house and lot in Albany**

[254] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace for the county of Albany, Madam Margareta Schuyler, widow of the late Capt. Phillip Schuyler, deceased, who declared that she sold, granted and conveyed, as she hereby does, to and for the behoof of her son Arent Schuyler a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, having to the south Jan Hendrik Bruyn and Omy La Grangie, to the north Johannes Rooseboom and Evert Wendel, Jun<sup>r</sup>., to the east the common way and to the west the street; in breadth in front on the street thirty wood feet besides a free drip on the north side, and in the rear two rods, nine feet

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:153-54.

<sup>2</sup> No record of this patent is found. The date is probably a mistake for April 27, 1667, when a patent was granted to Jacob Gevinck [Hevick] and Reyndert Pietersen for a lot and brewhouse afterwards transferred to Albert Ryckman, and for a house and lot toward the hills in breadth five rods and in length twenty rods, sold to Hendrick Rooseboom, Sept. 13, 1692; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:91-92, 300-10.

Rhineland measure and in length east and west eighteen rods and two feet, also Rhineland measure; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of two conveyances from Hend: Rooseboom, the one of June 14, 1677,<sup>1</sup> the other of the 11th of this month, and that all free and unincumbered (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that she is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, and promising to defend said house and lot from all future claims, for which she binds herself as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 14th of October 1684.

MARGRIET SCHULER

*Dirck Wesselsz*  
*Marten Gertsen*

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Jan Clute to Jeronimus Wendel for a parcel of land without the north gate of Albany, in exchange for another piece of land**

[255] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace, Jan Cloet, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jeronimus Wendel a certain parcel of land lying without the north gate in the pasture heretofore belonging to Madam Corlaer, being a height where the carts used to haul clay; in breadth in front on the street and in the rear thirty feet and in length on both sides also thirty feet, which parcel of land his uncle Jan Cloete, deceased, exchanged with said Jeronimus Wendel for the lot behind his lime pit,<sup>2</sup> to wit, eight feet from the lime pit to the pond; so that the grantor in capacity of heir of his late uncle has no further claim thereupon; promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful liens, claims and demands and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 15th of October 1684.

JOHANNES CLUT

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:153-54

<sup>2</sup> *Calk Cuyf*; literally, lime vat.

**Deed from Jeronimus Wendel to Jan Clute for a small piece of land behind his lime pit, in exchange for another lot**

[256] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace, Jeronimus Wendel, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jan Cloet a certain small piece of land lying behind his lime pit, to the north of the kill by Mews Hooogebooms, to wit, eight feet to the east of his lime pit and extending back to the pond, being in length four rods and two feet and in breadth as his lot is; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Jacob ten Eyck and Isaak Verplank, dated the 11th of March 1684, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim thereon, acknowledging that he exchanged the same with the late Jan Cloet, deceased, for thirty feet square on the street on the clay hill, promising therefore to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful liens, claims and demands and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 15th of October 1684.

JERONIMUS WENDEL

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, CL.<sup>1</sup>

**Deed from Willem Ketelheyn, husband and guardian of Hilleetje, widow of Storm van der Zee, to Sybrant van Schaick for a house and lot in Albany**

[257] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace, W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelheyn, husband and guardian of his wife Hilleetje van d<sup>r</sup>. Zee, late widow of Storm van der Zee, deceased, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Sybrant van Schayk a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany, next and on the south side of said W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelheyn and to the north of Jan Albertse Bratt; in breadth on the east side twenty-six wood feet and four inches and in breadth on the west side thirty-seven wood feet and three inches, in length on the south side from Jan Albertse Bratt's stable forty-six wood feet and eight inches and in length on the

<sup>1</sup> Not signed by the justices of the peace.

north side eighty-one wood feet; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent granted to his predecessor Storm van d<sup>r</sup>. Zee by the late Governor General Richard Nicolls, dated the 10th of May 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Sybrant van Schayk, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, having received full payment therefor according to contract of sale dated September 28, 1682, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 1st of November 1684.

Pieter Schuyler,  
Justes of de Pees

WILLEM KETELHUYN  
In my presence,  
ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Sybrant van Schaick to Elsie, widow of Otte Grimm,  
for a house and lot in Albany**

[258] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Sybrant van Schayk, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Elsie, widow of the late Otte Grimm, a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany between the houses of Jan Albertse Bratt and W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelheyn, being in breadth on the east side twenty-six wood feet and four inches and in breadth on the west side thirty-seven wood feet and three inches and in length on the south side from Jan Albertse Bratt's stable forty-six wood feet and eight inches and in length on the north side

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<sup>1</sup> This patent was a confirmation of the grant by Stuyvesant to Anthony de Hooges bearing date the 23d of April 1652, "for a certain Lott of Ground lying in Beverwick at Albany abutting to the North on the Creek, or Kill called the Fuycke Kill to the South and East the waggon way, and to the West on Volchert Jans conteyning in length sixteen Rod, & in breadth nine Rod, which s<sup>d</sup> Patent or Groundbriefe so graunted as afores<sup>d</sup> was upon the 1<sup>st</sup>. day of May 1662 transported & made over unto Storm Albertse by Roeloffe Swartwoultz who married the widdow, & Relict of th'aforenamed Anthony de Hooges."

eighty-one wood feet: which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance given this day to him, the grantor, by W<sup>m</sup>. Ketelheyn, husband and guardian of his wife, Hilletie vand<sup>r</sup>. Zee, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Elsie, widow of Otte Grimm, her heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as she could do with her own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 17th of November 1684.

*Pieter Schuyler*

Justes of the pees

SYBRANT VAN SCHAICK

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

#### Deed from Andries Albertsen Bratt to Johannes Wendel of his half interest in the mill on the Poesten kill

[259] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Andries Albertse Bratt, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes Wendell his, the grantor's, certain half [of the] sawmill, together with half of the kill on which the mill stands and half of two morgens of arable land lying in the colony of Renselaerswyk up the river on the east bank over against the Steenehoek and whereas a certain contract was made between the grantor and Luycas Pieterse respecting said land that it should be for the behoof of the *Ryder*,<sup>1</sup> all this the grantor also conveys and makes over to said Johannes Wendell, with the apple trees thereon planted; likewise the half of a [right of] free egress with a wagon from said mill (heretofore called Poesten mill) along the hill towards Pieter Pieterse van Wuggelum's to the shore as heretofore it has been used; in like manner the grantor hereby fully surrenders the just half of the tools in the aforesaid mill, with half of eleven saws, also all the rights as he And<sup>s</sup>. Albertse Bratt has possessed the

<sup>1</sup> *d'Ryder*; literally, the rider, or horseman, apparently referring to Johannes Wendell.

same and as received by him from Jan Cornelise Vyselaer, together with the half of what since that time has been received by, made for and delivered to the said mill; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Jan Cornelise Vyselaer, dated April 15, 1680,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Johannes Wendel, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid half saw mill and half the tools as he could do with his [260] own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and demands according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 1st of December 1684.

The mark AB of ANDRIES ALBERTSE  
BRATT, made with his own hand

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Gysbert Marcelis to Johannes Clute, nephew of the late Capt. Johannes Clute, for a small piece of pasture land without the north gate of Albany<sup>2</sup>**

To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come Gysbert Marcelis of y<sup>e</sup> Towne and County of Albany shoemaker sendeth greeting in our Lord God Ever Lasting; know yee that for and in Consideration of a heiffer to him y<sup>e</sup> said Gysbert Marcelis delivered, by Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Clut deceased, the Reccit whereof, he doth cleerly and absolutely, acquit, Exonerate and Discharge, and therewith doth acknowledge himself to be fully paid, Contented and satisfied, he y<sup>e</sup> said Gysbert Marcelis, hath graunted, Bargained, Sold, Enfoeffed and Confirmed, and by these p[re]sents doth fully cleerly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain sell, alien Enfoeffe and Confirm unto Johannes Clut Cousin<sup>3</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> deceased Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Clute, a Certain small Peece of Pasture ground, scituate Lyeing and being without y<sup>e</sup> north gate of Albany, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> southeast, y<sup>e</sup> highway Running

<sup>1</sup> See p. 68-69.

<sup>2</sup> This deed is in English.

<sup>3</sup> Meaning nephew; see next document.

towards y<sup>e</sup> Branch, of y<sup>e</sup> old vosses Creek and y<sup>e</sup> River to nothing, to y<sup>e</sup> north, the kill or branch of old vosses Creek, where the Tann Pitts stand onn, and to y<sup>e</sup> west Gysbert Marcellis aforesaid, Contain- ing in Lenth from where y<sup>e</sup> kill afores<sup>d</sup> comes into y<sup>e</sup> River, to y<sup>e</sup> Lott of y<sup>e</sup> said Gysb<sup>t</sup>, Marcellis sixteen Rod, & Runns then straight towards y<sup>e</sup> kill along Gysbert Marcellis fence Eleven Rod and fyve foot, keeping three foot off from y<sup>e</sup> Tann Pitt of Jacob Teunise, and att y<sup>e</sup> street fourteen foot from y<sup>e</sup> ground sell of Gysbert Mar- cellis little house w<sup>h</sup>, said Peece of ground he Purchased of W<sup>m</sup>, Parker deceased, who was Impoured by Cap<sup>t</sup>, Matthias Nicolls then Sec<sup>r</sup>, of y<sup>e</sup> Province to dispose of y<sup>e</sup> same w<sup>t</sup>, all y<sup>e</sup> Profits, Commodities, and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> said Tenement lott or Peece of Pasture ground belonging or in any ways appertaining, To have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>, Peece of Pasture ground and Premises, w<sup>t</sup>, these and Every of these appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>, Joh: Clout, his heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup>, Ad<sup>rs</sup>, & assigns, in his quiet and Peaceable Posses- sion and seizin against all Persones to warrant and for Ever by these Presents to Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>, Gysbert Marcellis and Barbara his wife have hereunto sett y<sup>r</sup> hands & scalls in Albany this fourteenth day of Octob. in y<sup>e</sup> 36 year of his Maj: Reign A<sup>o</sup>, 1684.

GYSBERT MARCELLIS (S:)

Sealed & deliver<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> P[re]sence of

*David Schuyler*

*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, Cl.*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. of Decemb. 1684

#### **Bond and mortgage of Johannes Clute to Harmen Gansevoort and Harmen Thomassen**

[261] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Johan Cloete, who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Harme Gansevoort and Harme Thomase and to their heirs, in the sum of four hundred pounds current money of this province, which aforesaid sum of £400 I promise to pay to said Harme Gansevoort and Harme Thomase, their heirs, executors and administrators; for which pay- ment I bind myself, my heirs and executors, together with my house standing and lying next to Johan d'Vries and also specially my negroes, horses, cattle and other property firmly by these presents. Thus signed and sealed in Albany on this day, the 12th of De- cember 1684.

The condition of the above obligation is such: That whereas said

Harme Gansevoort and Harme Thomase on this day have bound themselves and become sureties in the sum of four hundred pounds current money of this province for the payment by Johan Cloete of the debts which his uncle Johan Cloete, deceased, left behind and for the execution and performance by him of all that is comprehended in the will of his said uncle deceased, as heirs, executors or administrators are by law required to do; therefore, if said Johan [262] Cloete shall perform all that in said condition is specified in such a way that said sureties shall incur no loss or damage by reason of said suretyship, that then said obligation shall be null and void; but if Harme Gansevoort and Harme Thomase suffer any damage by reason of said suretyship, then this obligation shall serve as a counter security to make good the amount of the damage which they may suffer in the matter aforesaid and to recover the same out of the effects aforesaid without loss or expense. Done in Albany on the date above written.

JOHANNES CLUTE (L. S.)

*Pieter Schuyler*, Justis of the pees

*Johannes Wendel*, Justis of the pees

**Deed from Johannes Clute and Bata, his wife, to Robert Livingston for a piece of pasture land without the north gate of Albany**

[263] <sup>1</sup> To all Christian People to whom this present writeing shall Come, Johannes Cloet and Bata his wife of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany, sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> somme of ninety Peeces of Eight currant money of y<sup>e</sup>. Province to him y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Cloet in hand Paid att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof, off Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany, merchant, the Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every Part & Parcel thereof, doth fully cleerly and absolutely, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge, him y<sup>e</sup> said Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston for ever and therewith doth acknowledge themselves to be full paid, Contented, & Satisfyed they y<sup>e</sup> said Johannes Cloet and Bata his wife, have graunted Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these presents doe fully cleerly and absolutely, graunt Bargain, Sell, alien Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> said Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, a Certain Peece of Pasture ground, Scituate Lyeing and Being without the north gate of Albany, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> East y<sup>e</sup> River to the west the high way, To y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Tann Pitts and y<sup>e</sup> high way that

<sup>1</sup> In English.



goes towards y<sup>e</sup> River and to y<sup>e</sup> north a vacant Lott, belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Colony hard by Piet<sup>r</sup>. Bonts, is broad towards the Street or highway from y<sup>e</sup> Lott of Isaak V<sup>l<sup>er</sup></sup>planck and Jacob ten Eyck to y<sup>e</sup> Corner of y<sup>e</sup> fence northward nine & Twenty Rod one foot and a half; wherein is Comprehended y<sup>e</sup> Thirty foot Square of Cornelis van Schelluyne, & y<sup>e</sup> Thirty foot square of Jeronimus Wendel is in Len[g]th from y<sup>e</sup> Corner of y<sup>e</sup> fence to y<sup>e</sup> River side four and Thirty Rod and a half, and in bredth along y<sup>e</sup> River side towards y<sup>e</sup> East, to y<sup>e</sup> branch of y<sup>e</sup> old Vosses kill where y<sup>e</sup> Tann Pitts Stand on five and Twenty Rod, & from thence up Westerly to y<sup>e</sup> Tann Pitts afores<sup>d</sup>., and y<sup>n</sup>. over the Creek att y<sup>e</sup> River side along the highway to the Lott of Gysbert Marcelis, seventhien Rod and three Inches, and Runns from thence straight towards y<sup>e</sup> Creek along y<sup>e</sup> fence of said Gysbert Marcelis, northward; Eleven Rod and five foot keeping three foot from y<sup>e</sup> Tan Pitt, sett there by Jacob Teunise, and att y<sup>e</sup> Street fourteen foot Rynl: measure, from y<sup>e</sup> ground sell of Gysbert Marcelis Little house according to y<sup>e</sup> Transports or Conveyances made to him Cloet by Cornelis van Dyck and Johannes Provoost Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Anthonia Slackbome, and by Gysbert Marcelis: dated y<sup>e</sup> fourteenth day of this Instant Octob: <sup>1</sup> to w<sup>h</sup>. writings these are Referred: w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> ways, waters, water Courses, Easem<sup>ts</sup>., Profits Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> said Tenement or Lott or Peece of Pasture ground, belonging or in any ways appertaining, together, w<sup>t</sup>. all and Singular, deeds Evidences, and writings, touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises; only or any Part thereof, to have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Lott, and Peece of Pasture ground, and Premises, w<sup>t</sup>. there and every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, his heirs Exec<sup>ts</sup>., ad<sup>r</sup>., and assigns, in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin, against all Persons to warrant, and for Ever by these p<sup>r</sup>sents Defend in wittesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Joh: Cloet and Bata his wife, have hereunto sett y<sup>r</sup>. hands and Seals in Albany y<sup>s</sup>. fifteenth day of Octob in y<sup>e</sup> 36 year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souv: L<sup>d</sup>. Ch: y<sup>e</sup> 2: by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God of Eng: S: fr: & Irland king: def: of y<sup>e</sup> faith A<sup>o</sup>. 1684.

Sic: Subscr: JOHANNES CLUT (S)

Sealed & delivered in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

David Shuyler

Gysb: Marcelis

*geregistr: den 12. decemb. 1684<sup>2</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> See next document.

<sup>2</sup> *Geregistrceerd den 12. Decemb. 1684. i. e.*, Recorded the 12th of December 1684.

**Deed from Cornelis van Dyck and Johannes Provoost, administrators of the estate of Anthonia Slachboom, widow of Arent van Curler, for a piece of pasture land outside the north gate of Albany**

[264] <sup>1</sup>To all Christian People, to whom this Present writing shall come Cornelis van Dyck and Johannes Provoost administrators and Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Anthonia Slackboome wid<sup>w</sup>. of Arent van Corlaer, of y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany, sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Six and Thirty Pounds fifteen shill; curant money of this Province to them y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis van Dyck and Johannes Provoost in hand Paid, att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Johannes Cloet, the Receipt whereof, they doe hereby acknowledge & thereof and off every Part and Parcel thereof, doth fully, cleerly and absolutely acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Johannes Cloet for ever and therewith doth acknowledge themselves to be fully, paid, Contented and Satisfyed, they the said Cornelis van Dyck and Johannes Provoost, have graunted Bargained, Sold aliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Johannes Clut a Certain Piece of Pasture ground, Scituate, Lyeing, and Being without y<sup>e</sup> north gate of Albany, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> East the River, & to y<sup>e</sup> west the highway, to the South y<sup>e</sup> Tann Pitts, and a Branch of y<sup>e</sup> old Fosses kill and to y<sup>e</sup> north a Vacant Lott, off Isaak V<sup>l</sup>er<sup>l</sup>plank, and Jacob ten Eyek to y<sup>e</sup> Corner of y<sup>e</sup> fence northward nine & Twenty Rod, one foot and a half, wherein is Comprehended y<sup>e</sup> Thirty foot Square of Cornelis van Shelluyne, and the thirty foot Square of Jeronimus Wendell is long from y<sup>e</sup> Corner of y<sup>e</sup> fence till y<sup>e</sup> River side, four and Thirty Rod and a half, & in bredth along y<sup>e</sup> River side towards y<sup>e</sup> East to y<sup>e</sup> Branch of y<sup>e</sup> old Vosses kreek or kill, where y<sup>e</sup> Tann Pitts stand on five & Twenty Rod, & from thence up westerly to y<sup>e</sup> Tann Pitts afores<sup>d</sup>., according to a former Patent graunted unto y<sup>e</sup> Trustees afores<sup>d</sup>., dated y<sup>e</sup> 25 of March 1680, by Sir Edmund Andross, of y<sup>e</sup> one half, w<sup>b</sup>. lyes in y<sup>e</sup> Limits of Albany, and the o<sup>y</sup>r. Parcel Lyeing in y<sup>e</sup> Bounds of Renselaers Colony; w<sup>b</sup>. was sold att a Publike outcry or vendu y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>. of April 1677 to w<sup>b</sup>. writings these are Referred, w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profitts, Commodities, and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Tenement or Lott or p<sup>r</sup>. Pasture ground, belonging, or in any ways appertaining, together w<sup>t</sup>. all and Singular, deeds, Evidences,

<sup>1</sup> In English.

and writings touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises only or any part thereof, to have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Tenement, Lott or Peece of Pasture ground and Premises w<sup>t</sup>. there and every of there appertences, unto y<sup>e</sup> said Johannes Cloet, his heirs, Executors, ad<sup>r</sup>s. and assigns, in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by these p<sup>r</sup>sents Defend, in witsesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Corn: van Dyck and Johannes Provoost have hereunto Sett there hands & Seals in Albany this fourteenth day of octob. in y<sup>e</sup> Thirty Sixth year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Soueraign Lord, Charles y<sup>e</sup> Second, by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, of England, Scotland. france & Irland king; Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith & annoq. dom: 1684

CORNELIS VAN DYCK (S)

JOHANNES PROVOOST (S)

Signed & Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*David Schuyler* Justice of Peace  
*Ger<sup>t</sup>. Banker* Justice of Peace

Recorded in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 12 of decemb. 1684.

**Deed from Margareta Schuyler, widow of Philip Schuyler, to  
Douwe Jells Fonda for a house, barn, hay rick, orchard and  
three morgens of land**

[265] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Madam Margareta Schuyler, widow and relict of the late Phillip Schuyler, who declared that she granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Dowe Jillise Funda a certain house, barn and rick, with orchard and land containing about three morgens as it lies in fence (saving the *Steen Bergh*) standing and lying in the colony of Rensselaerswyk, by virtue of the contract of sale thereof dated the 24th of October 1672 and the conveyance by Pieter Meesen to the grantor's husband deceased given on the 25th of August 1672,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that she is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Dowe Jillise Funda, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:503.

with and dispose of the aforesaid house, barn, rick, orchard and land as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further, nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 29th of December 1684.

MAERGRIET SCHULER

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

*J: Wendt*

*W: Teller*

Thus far the copies of conveyances above £50 sent to Mr Spragge to be registered according to act of the assembly of the [blank] being in all 6.<sup>1</sup>

#### Deed from Benjamin Roberts to Juriaen Jansen van Hoesen for a house and lot in Albany

[266] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace for the county of Albany, Benjamyn Roberts, husbandman dwelling at Maelwyk above Schinnechtady, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Juriaen van Hoesen a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany with all that thereon is fast by earth and nail, being a corner house to the north of Maj. Abraham Staets, in length on the south side five rods, four feet and two inches, to the north five rods, two feet, five inches, in breadth to the east on the brewery of Sybrant van Schayk one rod and ten feet and to the west one rod and seven feet and ten inches, Rhineland measure; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jan Rinckhout, dated the 27th of March 1678,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or

<sup>1</sup> This refers to the act entitled: "An act to prevent frauds in conveyancing of lands," passed November 3, 1683, which provided that after the 25th of December following no grants, deeds, mortgages or other conveyances of lands or tenements within the province of New York would be valid unless recorded within six months by the clerk of the county where such lands or tenements lay, and that once every year the clerk of each county must transmit to the secretary's office at New York for registration in that office, together with the fees ordained for the same, all conveyances exceeding the sum of fifty pounds. See *Colonial Laws of New York*, 1:141-42 (published as Assembly Documents, 1895, v. 23, no. 107, pt 1).

<sup>2</sup> No record of this conveyance is found.

issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he has received the sum of thirty-six beavers, being the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jurian Janse van Hoese, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 30th of December 1684.

This is the mark X of BENJAMYN  
ROBERTS, made with his own hand  
hand

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Johannes Clute, nephew and heir of the late Capt.  
Johannes Clute, to Jan van Loon for one-third of a tract of  
land opposite Claverack**

[267] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace for the county of Albany, Johannes Cloet, in capacity of heir of his uncle the late Johannes Cloet, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jan van Loon a just third of a tract of land over against the Claverak which his uncle Johannes Cloet, deceased, owned jointly with Jan Bruyns and Jurian Teunise, as the patent<sup>1</sup> thereof granted by the Honorable General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicoll[s] to Capt. Cloet, deceased, Jan Bruyns and Jurian Teunise will prove; which land lies on the west side of the North river over against Claverak, named by the Indians Caniskeek, extending along the river from Pr. Bronk's land to the marsh (*dy*) by the point on the mainland lying behind Barents island; which aforesaid just third part the grantor conveys to Jan van Loon as it was possessed by his late uncle, except the land which his late uncle and his partners conveyed to Marte Gerrittse on the 28th of March 1681, as well as the twenty morgens of land lying on the Moordenaers (Murderer's) kill with the homestead lying thereby which his late uncle conveyed to Wyntie Harmens,<sup>2</sup> as

<sup>1</sup> This patent was dated May 25, 1667; see p. 120, note.

<sup>2</sup> The daughter of Harmen Thomassen Hun; see p. 120.

appears by the conveyance dated the 7th of April 1681, which said piece of land Capt. Cloet, deceased, with the knowledge and consent of his partners gave to the said daughter, because his partners Jurian Teunise and Mynd. Frederikse each took possession of a place on the shore, in return for which the elder Cloet deceased obtained and received this donated piece of land. And whereas the late Capt. Cloet conveyed the aforesaid tract of land with all his rights (excepting the two aforesaid parcels) to P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie and Jan van Loon on the 7th of April 1681<sup>1</sup> and immediately caused a bond and mortgage or special pledge of said land to be made, with the express condition that if either of these persons, that is, P<sup>r</sup>. Boise or Jan van Loon, failed to pay twenty-five beavers each, his half of the land might be attached, and whereas P<sup>r</sup>. [268] Bosie has failed to pay the promised money according to the mortgage, which Jan van Loon has duly satisfied, that is, the sum of fifty beavers, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, therefore, the grantor conveys the said tract of land to Jan van Loon alone and to his heirs forever, to have and to hold the same to the behoof of the said Jan van Loon, his heirs or assigns, to do therewith and to dispose thereof as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful liens, claims and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 2d of February 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

JOHANNES CLUT

*Johannes Wendel*

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

I, the undersigned, declare hereby that I release Jan Cloet, who has signed the foregoing deed, from all damage, claims and demands which may arise by reason thereof from P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie or from any of his heirs, inasmuch as the term of the mortgage in which he is concerned also has not yet expired. In witness whereof I have signed this with my own hand in Albany, the 2d of February 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

JAN VAN LOON

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

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<sup>1</sup> See p. 121-23.

**Deed from Johannes Clute, heir of Capt. Johannes Clute, to Symon Schouten for land at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[269] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Johannes Clut, in capacity of heir of his uncle Johannes Clute, deceased, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Symon Schoute two pieces of land lying at Canastagioene on the south side of the Maquas river on the great flat, being all the right and claim which Capt. Cloet, deceased, had on the river bank, to wit, one piece of about ten morgens in size, adjoining on the land of Culis<sup>1</sup> and Hann, and the other piece also on the great flat of about six morgens in size bounding on the land of Jan Spoor, on the express condition that on the height along the shore a path shall remain, also that he, the buyer, Symon Schoute, shall be holden to maintain a fence along the stone hill, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance obtained by his late uncle from Klaes Jause van Boekhoven, of date the 31st of October 1677;<sup>2</sup> likewise there is conveyed to said Schoute the land on the height for a farmstead on which his house and barn stand, beginning from the claim of Culis that was given him and so along the boundary of Culis's land to his, Symon Schouten's, land, and on the other side to the northwest unto the garden of Jan Thymese, on condition that Jan Thymese or his successors shall have a free passage through Symon Schouten's land to his own land, keeping the same width, to the arable land of Symon Schouten; and that all free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Symon Schoute, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land and appurtenances thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 2d of February 1684.

In my presence, JOHANNES CLUT  
ROBT. LIVINGSTON, Cl.

<sup>1</sup> Gerrit Claessen [van Vranken?]; see p. 83

<sup>2</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, I:167-68, erroneously dated October 21, 1677.

**Deed from Symon Schouten to Jan de La Warde for land at  
Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[270] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Symon Schoute, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jan de La Warde a piece of arable land lying on the great flat at Canastagioene, on the south side of the Maquas river, in size about six morgens, bounding on the land of Jan Spoor and so on to the river, keeping the same width as Jan Spoor's land, on this condition that the aforementioned Jan Spoor must build and always maintain the fence between his and this aforementioned land, to wit, he, Jan Spoor, or whoever may receive title from him hereafter; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him this day, date underwritten, from Johannes Cloet; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan de La Warde, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid piece of land as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 2d of February 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The mark X of SYMON SCHOUTE,  
made with his own hand

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Bond and mortgage by Symon Schouten to Johannes Wendel**

[271] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Rensselaerswyck, etc., in presence of the Honorable Pr. Schuyler and David Schuyler, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Symon Schoute who declared himself to be honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Mr Johannes Wendel or to his heirs in a capital sum of four hundred and seventeen guilders, twelve stivers in heavers, which principal sum draws interest at six to the hundred



yearly, being for goods received and for money advanced to his content; which aforementioned sum of fl.417:12 in beavers the subscriber promises to pay to the aforementioned Mr Johannes Wendel, his executors, administrators or to his order within the time of six years from the date hereof with current interest to be reckoned from today at a half per cent a month till the day of final and effectual payment; and if the subscriber meanwhile shall reduce or pay a part of the principal sum, interest at the rate of one-half per cent a month shall be paid for the remainder: For the payment of which principal sum and interest the subscriber specially binds and mortgages his farm of ten morgens of land lying on the great flat at Canastagioene, bounding upon the land of Culis and Hann, to him this day conveyed by Johannes Cloet, and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, for the collection of said capital sum with the current interest without loss and expense. Done in Albany on the second day of February 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The mark X of SYMON SCHOUL,  
made with his own hand.

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Westenhook Indians to Lucas Santen, John Spraggs,  
Dirck Wessels and Cornelis van Dyck for land on Westenhook  
creek**

[272] <sup>1</sup> Know all men by these Presents that wee underwritten Indian owners & Native Proprietors off y<sup>e</sup> Land called Westenhook, viz<sup>t</sup>. Nischotawa, Awaanpaak, and Panemat y<sup>e</sup> Sonne off Ottonowa who is Impowred by his Father, for and in Consideracon of these following goods in hand Paid, to witt Twenty faddom black wampum, Twenty faddom white wampum four Blankets three faddom Stroudwaters Six faddom Duffels, Two Stroudw: Coats, three Duffels Coats, three Childrens Coats, Six Shirts, three gunnis, four kitles, four baggs of Pouder six axes, six pare of Stockings Two hoes, Two half fatts Strong Beer, four fatts of Rom, twalf Pair of Shissers Twelf Combs, Two Rolls of Tobacco Twenty knives Twenty barrs of Lead and thirty aulls, the Receipt whereof

<sup>1</sup> In English.

wee doe oune and acknowledge, and off y<sup>e</sup> Payment doe fully discharge, have bargained Sold, aliened and Transported and by these Presents doe Bargain, Sell, alien, and Transport all our Righth Title and Intrest unto Lucas Santen Esq<sup>r</sup>. his R: high<sup>s</sup>. Col. John Spragge Esq<sup>r</sup>. Sec<sup>ry</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> Province, Dirk Wessells & Cornelis van Dyck and to there heires and assigns for Ever (they haveing a graunt from y<sup>e</sup> Right hon<sup>ble</sup>. Col Thomas Dongan Gov<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. dated y<sup>e</sup> 11 of January 1683 to Purchase y<sup>e</sup> Same) In a Certain Tract or Parcell of Land, Scituate Lying and being on a Certain Creek Called Westenhook; beginning att y<sup>e</sup> great fall of waters, Called by y<sup>e</sup> Natives Pawachtuek, and Soe Running up northerly, both Sides of y<sup>e</sup> Creek; to witt on y<sup>e</sup> west side as farr as y<sup>e</sup> flatt Land, belonging to an Indian called Panaskenak, Containing four flatts or Plains y<sup>e</sup> Southermost next to y<sup>e</sup> falls called Kenachkehantick, y<sup>e</sup> next Achneganick, y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. Awaankaniss and y<sup>e</sup> fourth flatt or Plain which is y<sup>e</sup> northermost bounds on y<sup>e</sup> west Side of y<sup>e</sup> Creek called Taashammik, And on y<sup>e</sup> East side of y<sup>e</sup> kill or Creek from y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. falls Running up northerly Containing also four flatts or Plains y<sup>e</sup> first next to y<sup>e</sup> falls being a greatt flatt or Plain and y<sup>e</sup> Southermost Part thereof called Pacachkook and y<sup>e</sup> north end Soquawaen, y<sup>e</sup> Second Plain Nananachquak; y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. Flatt Taasham, and y<sup>e</sup> fourth or northermost flatt called Machemene Pakak, Running northerly to a Creek or kill y<sup>t</sup>. comes out of y<sup>e</sup> woods called Wata Pichkaak, and soe Running into y<sup>e</sup> woods from both sides of y<sup>e</sup> Creek Eastward and westward to y<sup>e</sup> high hills as far as y<sup>e</sup> owners Propriety streeches [273] And Southerly below y<sup>e</sup> falls on both sides of y<sup>e</sup> Creek as far as to y<sup>e</sup> Land off Machaktehank, together w<sup>t</sup>. all our Right, Title and Intrest, in all y<sup>e</sup> woods, Lands, Pastures, medows, marches, Creeks, kills, Rivelets, Trees, Timber, w<sup>t</sup>. all oy<sup>r</sup>. Commodities, Emulements and Conveniencies thereunto, appertaining, and belonging, to have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract and Parcell of Land and Premises, to them y<sup>e</sup> Said Lucas Santen, John Spragge, Dirk Wessells, and Cornelis van Dyck there heires and Assigns for Ever, and in y<sup>e</sup> quiet full and Peaceable Possession of y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract and Parcell of Land and Premises them y<sup>e</sup> Said Lucas Santen, John Spragge, Dirk Wessells & Cornelis van Dyck, there heires and assigns to keep and mentain, wee binde ourselves our heires and assigns for Ever firmly by these Presents. In wittnesse whereoff wee have hereunto Putt our marks & Seals in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler & David Schuyler Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace; and Interpreted by Arnout Corn: Viele Sworn Interpreter, in Albany y<sup>e</sup> fourth day of

february in y<sup>e</sup> Seven & thirtieth year of his majst. Reign Annoq. Dom. 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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 as Witnessse —

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 as a witnessse

Signed & Sealed

in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Pieter Schuyler* Justis of the peace

*Davidt Schuiler* Justus of the peace

Arnout Corn: Viele *tolck*<sup>1</sup>

My Present

ROBT. LIVINGSTON Cl

**Bond and mortgage of Jan Verbeek to Stephanus van Cortlant and Jacob Sanders Glen, attorneys for the late Volkwen Momma, merchant at Amsterdam, with assignment of mortgage to Johannes Cuyler and satisfaction by him**

[274] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace for the county of Albany, Mr Jan Verbeek, ex-magistrate, who acknowledges and declares that he is honestly and truly indebted to Mr Stephanus van Cortlant and Mr Jacob Sanders Glenn, attorneys for Mr Volkwen Momma,<sup>2</sup> in his lifetime merchant at Amsterdam, in the sum of four hundred and sixty-two guilders and seven stivers in beavers, growing out of goods and merchandise which he to his content received of the late Jan Bastiaensen van Gudsenhooven,<sup>3</sup> in his lifetime factor for Mr Momma, for which sum the subscriber executed a mortgage in favor of said Jan Bastiaense van Gudsenhooven upon his house and lot standing and

<sup>1</sup> *Tolck* is Dutch for Interpreter.

<sup>2</sup> Volkwen, or Folkwin, Momma may have been a brother of Maria Momma, the wife of Wouter van Twiller. In the letter book of Jeremias van Rensselaer among the Rensselaerswyck Mss are several letters addressed to Maria Momma about business matters that had been intrusted to Jan Bastiaensen van Gudsenhooven and in which she seems to have had an interest. Cf. Release on p. 240.

<sup>3</sup> He died in the colony of Rensselaerswyck in 1666 or 1667. See *Jan Rensselaer Botwier Mss.* p. 844

lying here in Albany, then Beverwyk, before Mr Johannes La Montagnie, Abraham Staets and Adriaen Gerritsen, then in office as by said mortgage and special pledge appears, dated the 30th of July 1661, which is held in full force and virtue and hereby confirmed, excepting that the lot which he sold to Reynier Schaets with consent of Jacob Sanders, attorney of the said Mr Momma, which shall not be comprised therein; which aforesaid sum of fl.462:7 he, the subscriber, promises to pay to the aforementioned Mr Steph: van Cortlant and Mr Jacob Sanderse Glenn, attorneys for said Mr Volkwen Momma, or to their order and that in good, whole, salable beaver skins at eight guilders a piece, therefore binding specially his new house wherein he, the subscriber, at present dwells, with the adjoining lot or alley of five feet, lying between the houses of Marte Gerritse and Reynier Schaets aforementioned, which lot is in breadth behind fifteen feet and some inches; and generally his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, for the recovery if need be of the aforewritten sum without loss and expense, all under guaranty as herein before stated. Done in Albany, the 17th of February 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

JAN VERBEECK (L. S.)

*Johannes Wendel*

In my presence,

Justes of de pees

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, Cl.

*Memorandum.* Whereas Johannis Cuyler of the city of Albany has bought the right and interest in the debts and claims due to Mr Momma and others heretofore executed by the aforementioned Jan Bastiaense van Gudsenhooven of his heir Mr Volequyn Kip, merchant at Amsterdam, according to the bill of sale dated September 18, 1696, therefore I, the undersigned, assign the contents of the above written mortgage to said Johannis Cuyler or to his order. As witness my hand in N: York, May 19, 1697.

Was signed: S: V: CORTLANT

Alb: y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1702

The Contents of y<sup>e</sup> above mortgage of Jan Verbeek Dec<sup>d</sup>. Received of Wouter van der Zee in four severall times doe therefore Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup>. s<sup>d</sup>. mortgage as witnessse my hand

JOHANNES CUYLER

**Deed from Ryck Claessen to Johannes Wendel for a house and lot in Albany**

[275] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace for the county of Albany, Ryck Claese, husbandman dwelling at Canastagioene, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Johannes Wendel a house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, between the house of the heirs of W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, deceased, and the common alley of the houses of And<sup>s</sup>. Teller and Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh: in breadth twenty feet and in length three rods and a half, all Rhineland measure, as the same lies inclosed in its fence; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from W<sup>m</sup>. Parker, dated the 13th of October 1671,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Mr Johannes Wendell, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 18th of February 1684.

RYCK CLAESSEN (L. S.)

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, Cl.

**Deed from Johannes Clute, nephew of the late Capt. Johannes Clute, to Johan Friese (Vries) for a parcel of land behind the house and lot of the grantee**

[276] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Jan Cloet, heir of his uncle the late Johannes Cloet, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes Vries, burgher and inhabitant of this place, a certain parcel of land lying behind the house and lot of the grantee, be-

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:400.

tween the lot of Marte Cregier and him, the grantor; the parcel of land that now the grantor to him, Johannes Vriese, is conveying is in length eighteen wood feet and as broad as the grantee's house and lot is, viz, sixteen wood feet and one inch, which was conveyed to him by his uncle, deceased, on the 27th of March 1680,<sup>1</sup> that is eighty wood feet; and afterwards was conveyed to said Vries by his uncle, deceased, thirty wood feet on the 14th of November 1681,<sup>2</sup> and is together with these eighteen feet all together one hundred and twenty-eight wood feet long and sixteen wood feet and one inch broad as by the respective deeds thereof more at large appears; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to his uncle Joh: Cloet, deceased, by Jan Lansingh, dated the 10th of April 1679,<sup>3</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim thereto whatsoever, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jan d'Vries, his heirs, successors or assigns, to have and to hold the aforesaid parcel of land forever, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, liens and demands and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 21st of February 1684.

Signed and sealed in  
presence of us,

*Willem Teller*

JOHANNES CLUT (L. S.)

In my presence,

RO<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

#### Deed from Pieter Bosie to Jan van Loon for a parcel of land opposite Claverack

[277] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, etc., Pieter Bosie, inhabitant of this county, who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jan van Loon, his heirs and assigns, all his right and title in a certain parcel

<sup>1</sup> See p. 72.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 147-48.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 38-39.

of land lying on the west side of the North river over against Claverak, named by the Indians Caniskeek, as the same came to him by deed from Johannes Cloet, deceased, dated the 7th of April 1681, granting to him, the grantor, and to the grantee each a half, for which land he, P<sup>r</sup>. Bosie, and Jan van Loon gave a mortgage in the sum of fifty beavers to the behoof of said Cloet, which mortgage and special pledge Jan van Loon alone has satisfied and paid and therefore the grantor releases all right and title which he or his heirs and successors might have or claim in said parcel of land specified in said deed from Capt. Cloet, deceased, without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jan van Loon, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid parcel of land and appurtenances thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 2d of March 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The mark X of P<sup>r</sup>. BOSIE, made with  
his own hand (L. S.)

In my presence,

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON, C<sup>l</sup>.

**Deed from Gysbert Marcelis and Johannes Roos to Willem Claessen Croesbeek (Grosbeck) for a lot in Albany**

[278] <sup>1</sup>To all Christian People to whom this Present writinge shall Come Gysbert Marcelis & Johannes Roos of y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany sendeth Greeting, in our Lord God everlasting, Know yee, that for and in Consideracon of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Six & Thirty Bevers current money of this Province to them y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Gysbert Marcelis & Johannes Roos in hand Paid att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and delivery hereof by Willem Claese Croesbeek<sup>2</sup> of Alb<sup>n</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowlege, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully cleerly and absolutely acquitt, Exonerate, and discharge him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Claese Croesbeek his Executors, administrators and Assigns, for ever, and therewith doe acknowledge themselves to be fully Paid Contended, and Satisfied,

<sup>1</sup> In English.

<sup>2</sup> Intended for Groesbeck or Grosbeck.

they, the said Gysbert Marcellis & Johannes Roos have graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, & Confirmed and by these Presents, doth fully cleerly and absolutely Grant, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said W<sup>m</sup>. Claese CroesBeek, all that certain Lott of ground Scituate, lyeing and being within y<sup>e</sup> toune of Albany between y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott of Claes Ripse and y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott of Gysbert Marcellis & Joh: Roos; containing in bredth on y<sup>e</sup> East & west Side Sixteen wood foot, & in len[g]th one hund: six & twenty wood foot, according to former Transport given by Aeltje Slichtenhorst dated y<sup>e</sup> 15 August 1684 whereof this is a Part, w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities & appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> said Lott off ground, belonging, that is to say that y<sup>e</sup> said W<sup>m</sup>. Claese Croesbeek is to have a free Entry from y<sup>e</sup> Street to his yard over y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Joh: Roos his Lott so long as it is not built upon, & being built he is to have free Entry to his yard throw a Common Lane next y<sup>e</sup> Lott of Jacob Abr: Cuypers which shall be also Common for y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Claese his heires & assigns for Ever, [279] Together w<sup>t</sup>. all and Singular, deeds, Evidences and writeings, touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said Lott of ground and Premises, with there and every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said W<sup>m</sup>. Claese Croesbeek, his heires Executors Administrators and assigns, in his quiet & Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persons to warrant, and for ever by these Presents defend in witness whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Gysb: Marcellis & Joh: Roos have hereunto sett there hands & seals, in Albany this 13th day of March in y<sup>e</sup> thirty seventh year of y<sup>e</sup> Reigne of our Souveraign Lord Charles y<sup>e</sup> Second by the grace of God of England Scotland france & Irland king, defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith &<sup>c</sup> anno. dom: 1684.

GYSSEBERT MARCELIS [L. S.]

This is I R y<sup>e</sup> mark of JOHAN- [L. S.]

NES ROOS Signd w<sup>t</sup> his oune

hand

Signed & Sealed  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
us underwritte Jus-  
tices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
*Pictcr Schuyler*  
*Willem Teller*

In Presence off me

ROBT. LIVINGSTON Cl.



**Deed from Johannes Provoost and Harmen Rutgersen, administrators of the estate of Hendrik Willemsen, to Jan Caspersen for land on the Normans kill**

[280] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany, Mr Johannes Provoost and Harmen Rutgers, administrators of the estate of Hend: Willemsen, who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of Jan Casperse all the rights which the said Hend: Willemsen had to the land on the Noormans kill, being the half of all the lands lying on the said Noormans kill comprehended in the patent of Jan Hend: van Bael, excepting four morgens of arable land which he reserved to himself, according to contract of sale made between said Van Bael and Hend: Willemsen and Jan Alb: Bratt, deceased, dated the 21st of December 1674; which they, the grantors, do by virtue of letters of administration to them granted by the court here and by virtue of the conveyance to them in capacity as administrators of said estate of Hend: Willemsen, deceased, from Jan Jansz Bleeker and Jacob Sanders Glen, attorneys for Jan Hend: van Bael, deceased, under date of the 29th of May 1683, to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon, or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors' having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that they are fully paid and satisfied by the sum of [blank], therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Jan Casperse, his heirs, successors, or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land and appurtenances thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 16th of March 1684.

JOHANNES PROVOOST (L. S.)

Deed from Panaskenak, a Westenhook Indian, for himself and as attorney for his brother Tatankemitt, to Lucas Santen, John Spragge, Dirck Wessels and Cornelis van Dyck for a tract of land on the west side of Westenhook creek

[281] <sup>1</sup> Know all men by these Presents that I underwritten Panaskenak Indian owner and native Proprietor off Part of y<sup>e</sup> Land called Westenhook being impowred by his Brother Tatankemitt who is now out a hunting, for and in Consideracon of these following goods in hand Paid, to witt one faddom Duffells, one Blankett, one kitle, one gunn, Two shirts, Two baggs of Pouder, four Barrs off lead, four knives, one Coat, Two axes Two p<sup>r</sup>. of Stockings, one half fatt of Beer, Two fatts of Rom, forty faddom white wampum, The Receipt whereof wee doe oune and acknowlege, and off y<sup>e</sup> Payment doe fully Discharge, have bargained, Sold, aliened and Transported, and by these Presents, doe Bargain, sell, alien and Transport all mine & my Brothers Right Title & Intrest, unto Lucas Santen Esq<sup>r</sup>. his Royall high<sup>s</sup>. Col. John Spragge Esq<sup>r</sup>. Sec<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> Province, Dirk Wessells, and Cornelis van Dyck, and to there heires and assigns for ever; (They haveing a graunt from y<sup>e</sup> Right hon<sup>ble</sup>. Col: Tho: Dongan Govern<sup>r</sup>. gen<sup>l</sup>. dated y<sup>e</sup> 11 of Jan. 1683 to Purchase the Land called Westenhook) in a Certain Tract or Parcell of Land Scituate Lyeing & being on y<sup>e</sup> west Side of y<sup>e</sup> Creek called Westenhook, abutting on y<sup>e</sup> South Side to a flatt or Plain called Taashammik formerly belonging to nishotowa, awaanpaak, & ottonowa, & Lately Purchased by y<sup>e</sup> fores<sup>d</sup>. Lucas Santen Esq<sup>r</sup>. John Spragge Esq<sup>r</sup>. D: Wessells: & Cornelis van Dyck, consisting in Two flatts or Plains, the first or Southermost Plain called Machachquichkak, and y<sup>e</sup> Second or northermost called Kaphack, and So to an Indian buryeing Place, hard by y<sup>e</sup> Said later Plain, which is y<sup>e</sup> northermost bounds and Soe keeping the Same bredth into y<sup>e</sup> woods westerly, as farr as y<sup>e</sup> Land belonging to an Indian called Tattaemshatt, being near y<sup>e</sup> Land called Tachkanak, Together w<sup>t</sup>. al mine & my Brothers Right title, & Intrest, in all y<sup>e</sup> woods, Lands [282] Pastures, meadows, marches, Lakes, Creeks, kills, Riveletts, Trees, Timber, w<sup>t</sup>. all other Commodities, Emulents, & Conveniencies, thereunto appertaineing and belonging, to have and to hold the Said Tract and Parcell of Land and Premises, to them y<sup>e</sup> Said Lucas Santen Esq<sup>r</sup>., John Spragge Esq<sup>r</sup>. Dirk Wessells & Cornelis van Dyk, there heires or assigns for ever, and in y<sup>e</sup> quiet, full and Peaceable Possession of y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract and Parcell off Land and

<sup>1</sup> In English.

Premises them the said Lucas Santen, John Spragge, Dirk Wessells & Cornelis van dyck, there heires and assigns to keep & mantain, I binde myselff my heires & Assigns for Ever, firmly by these Presents. In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto Putt my marks & Sealls, in the Presence of Peter Schuyler & David Schuyler, Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace, in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 25 day of March in y<sup>e</sup> Seven & thirtieth year of his Maj<sup>s</sup>. Reign annoq. Dom: 1685.

his

PANAS X KENAK [L. S.]

mark,

Signed & sealed in

y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Sha: So:* an Indian

The mark X of *Machaneek* an Indian,

*Pieter Schuyler*

*Davidt Schuiler*

ROBT. LIVINGSTON *Cl.*

**Deed from Machaneek, Indian owner of land on the west side of Kinderhook creek, to Dirck Wessels, for two small flats on the west side of said creek**

[283] <sup>1</sup> Know all men by these Present[s] that I Machaneek Indian owner & native Proprietor, of Part of y<sup>e</sup> Land Lyeing upon y<sup>e</sup> west Side of Kinderhooks Creek, for and in Consideration of these following goods, in hand paid, to witt five faddom wampum, Two Bags Pouders, Three faddom duffels, three Shirts, one kittel, Two axes, four Barrs of Lead, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof I doe owne & acknowledge and of y<sup>e</sup> Payment, doe fully discharge, have Bargained sold, aliened, and Transported, and by these Presents doe Bargain, Sell, alien and Transport, all my Right Title and Intrest unto Mr. Dirck Wessels, (who had Leave of y<sup>e</sup> Late Gov<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>. Edmund Andross to Purchase this Land lying on Kinderhoek Creek, and I y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. owner being then out a hunting could not dispose of y<sup>e</sup> Same as y<sup>e</sup> Rest did) in a Certain Tract or Small Parcell of Land, scituate lying and being on y<sup>e</sup> west Side of Kinderhoek Creek, consisting in Two small flats or Plains called by y<sup>e</sup> natives Taphaes kotassik the one Containeing about ten acres & y<sup>e</sup> oyr. about thirty acres, which said Land together w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> wood Land adjoyneing is bounded on y<sup>e</sup> South Side by y<sup>e</sup> Land formerly Purchased by the said Dirk Wessels of an Indian called Wieshagheact & on y<sup>e</sup> north by a Small Creek that comes out of y<sup>e</sup> hills into y<sup>e</sup> great Creek called Pasanth-

<sup>1</sup> In English.

kack, together w<sup>t</sup>. all my Right, Title & Intrest in y<sup>e</sup> Premises, to have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Two Small flatts or Plaines w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> woodland adjoining thereunto, to him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Dirk Wessells his heires and assigns for ever, & in y<sup>e</sup> quiet full & Peaceable Possession off y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Tract & Parcell off Land & Premises, him y<sup>e</sup> Said Dirk Wessells his heires and assigns to keep and mentain, I bynde my Self my heirs & assigns for Ever firmly by these Presents; In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto Putt my mark & Seale in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of M<sup>r</sup> David Schuyler Justices vand Peace, in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1685.

his  
MACHANEEK X y<sup>e</sup> Indian owner [L. S.]  
mark

Signed & Sealed in  
y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

his  
*onochpakapa* X *wecn* an Indian  
mark

her  
*matawamichqua* X an Indian Squa  
mark

*Davidt Schuiler*

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, Cl.

**Deed from Jan Cornelissen Vyselaer to Willem Pietersen Slyck  
for land on the west side of the Hudson river opposite the  
Poesten kill**

[284] To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Jan Cornelise Vyselaer, mason, of the city and county of Albany, sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of the sum of thirty-three good, whole, merchantable beaver skins paid down at and before the ensealing and delivery of these by W<sup>m</sup>. Pieterse Slyck of the colony of Renselaerswyk in the county of Albany aforesaid, the receipt whereof [he hereby acknowledges and thereof] and of every part and parcel of the same he fully, clearly and absolutely discharges, releases and frees the aforesaid Willem Pieterse Slyk, his heirs, administrators and assigns forever, acknowledging that he is fully and completely paid, contented and satisfied therewith, he, the aforesaid Jan Cornelise Vyselaer, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does fully,

clearly and absolutely, grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to the aforesaid Willem Pieterse Slyk a certain parcel of land lying on the west side of the river over against the sawmill of Joh: Wendel,<sup>1</sup> heretofore belonging to him, the grantor, comprising in cleared land about four acres or two morgens and in woodland about thirteen or fourteen acres or six to seven morgens, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to him granted by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace, dated the 28th day of September 1672,<sup>2</sup> with all further instruments, proofs and writings touching and confirming the aforesaid, all or any part of the same; to have and to hold the aforesaid parcels of land with their and every of their appurtenances to the aforesaid Wm. Pieterse Slyk, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in his or their quiet and free possession against all persons to secure and forever by these presents to defend. In witness whereof the aforesaid Jan Cornelise Vyselaer *alias* Jan Gow commonly so called has hereto put his mark and seal in Albany this 7th of April in the 37th year of his Majesty's reign Anno 1685.

Signed and sealed

in presence of

*Johannes Wendel,*  
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his  
JAN CORNELISE X VYSELAER (L. S.)  
mark

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

#### Deed from Johannes Clute to Jan Jacobsen van Noortstrant for land at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)

[285] To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Johannes Cloet of the county of Albany, sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of three hundred and thirty-seven guilders in beavers, current money of this province, paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of this by Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant of the county of Albany, the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges, and therefrom and from every part and parcel thereof he fully, clearly and absolutely discharges, releases and frees him, the aforesaid Jan Jacobse van

<sup>1</sup> This refers to the Poesten mill, which was conveyed by Sweer Teunissen van Velsen to Jan Cornelissen Vyselaer and Lucas Pietersen on June 25, 1675, Vyselaer's interest being afterwards conveyed to Andries Albertsen Bradt and by him to Johannes Wendell. See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:117-18, and p. 68-69 and 247-48 of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> No record of this patent is found.

Noorstrant, his executors, administrators and assigns forever, acknowledging that he is fully and completely paid, contented and satisfied therewith, he, the aforesaid Johannes Cloet, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to the aforesaid Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant a certain piece of land lying at Canastagioene called Barent the Smith's flat, lying over Lysiens kill,<sup>1</sup> with all that over the kill belonged to Capt. Jan Cloet, deceased, (from Jan Spoor<sup>2</sup>), excepting a piece of land that the seller sold to Symon Schoute, in size according to the markings of the trees, lying behind the *Steen Bergie*.<sup>3</sup> together with another piece of land lying on this side of Lysiens kill, beginning on this side of the path that goes to the kill, according to the marking of the trees by Symeon Schouten and Jan Spoor, which extends upwards to a small kill which is the division between the lands; most of the road is lined with heavy logs<sup>4</sup> which belong to said Jan Jacobse also; likewise Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant is holden to have a proper wagon road made outside of said logs for the accommodation of every one since his rights shall not extend farther than the said logs lie, with all the profits, privileges and appurtenances to said land belonging or in any wise appertaining; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to his uncle Capt. Jan Cloet, deceased, given by Claes Jansz van Boekhoven of date the 31st of October 1677,<sup>5</sup> to have and to hold the aforesaid land with its and every of its appurtenances to the aforesaid Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant, his heirs, executors and assigns, in his, or their quiet and free possession against all persons to secure and forever by these presents to defend. In witness whereof the aforesaid Joh: Cloet has hereto set his hand and seal in Albany this 8th of April 1685, in the 37th year of his Majesty's reign.

JOHANNES CLUT (L.S.)

**Deed from Johannes Clute to Jan Wiebese, *alias* Jan Spoor, for land at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[286] To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come, Johannes Cloet of the county of Albany sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of

<sup>1</sup> Now called Lishas kill.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning Jan Spoor's land.

<sup>3</sup> Literally: "the small stone hill."

<sup>4</sup> *d'mecste wegh leyt met een onder Balk.*

<sup>5</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:167-68, erroneously dated October 21, 1677.

the sum of fifty-five beavers paid down at and before the ensembling and delivery of these by Jan Wiebese (*alias* Jan Spoor, in common parlance) of the county of Albany aforesaid, the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges and therefrom and from every part and parcel thereof fully, clearly and absolutely discharges, releases and frees him the aforesaid Jan Wybese, his executors, administrators and assigns forever and therewith acknowledges himself to be fully and completely paid, content and satisfied, he, the aforesaid Johannes Cloet, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to the said Jan Wiebese, a certain piece of land at Canastagioene of ten morgens off the forepart of the great flat next the *Steen Bergje* (small stone hill), on condition that the aforesaid Jan Wybese and his successors be holden to keep the fence between this land and the *Steenbergje* in constant repair at their expense; the aforesaid ten morgens of land are measured and delivered to said Jan Wybese from the kill side up to the heights of the river bank and that right through, but he must leave a proper road on the heights of the river bank for the grantor; with all the profits, privileges and rights belonging to said land or thereto in any wise appertaining; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of a conveyance given to his uncle Capt. Jan Cloet, deceased, by Claes van Bockhooven, dated the 31st of October 1677,<sup>1</sup> with the further writings relating to and confirming the same whether the whole or any part thereof, to have and to hold said lands with their and every of their appurtenances to the aforesaid Jan Wybese, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in his or their quiet and free possession against all persons to secure and forever by these presents to defend. In witness whereof the aforesaid Johannes Cloet has hereto set his hand and seal in Albany this 8th of April, in the 37th year of his Majesty's reign, Anno D<sup>i</sup>. 1685.

JOHANNES CLUT. (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence  
of

Rot. Livingston, Cl.

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:167-68, erroneously dated October 21, 1677.

**Deed from Jan Jacobsen van Noortstrant to Cornelis Thymesen  
for land at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[287] To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant of Coxhachky of the county of Albany sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and thirty-seven guilders in beavers, current money of this province, paid down at and before the ensealing and delivery of these by Cornelis Thymese of the county of Albany, the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges and therefrom and from every part and parcel thereof he fully, clearly and absolutely, discharges, releases and frees him the aforesaid Cornelis Thymese, his executors, administrators and assigns forever and therewith acknowledges himself to be fully and completely paid, content and satisfied, he, the aforesaid Jan Jacobse van Noortstant, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does clearly, fully and absolutely, grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to the said Cornelis Thymese a certain piece of land lying at Canastagioene in this county, whereon said Thymese dwells, called Barent the Smith's flat, lying over Lysiens kill,<sup>1</sup> with all that belongs to him, the grantor, over the kill (from Jan Sporen),<sup>2</sup> excepting the piece of land that the seller sold to Symon Schoute; in size according to the markings of the trees, lying behind the *Steen Bergie* (small stone hill); together with another piece of land lying on this side of Lysiens kill, begining on this side of the path that goes to the kill according to the markings of the trees by Symon Shoute and Jan Spoor, which extends upwards to a small kill which is the division line of the land; most of the road is lined with heavy logs which the buyer received into the bargain, on condition that said Cornelis Thymese shall be holden to have a proper wagon road laid out outside the said logs for the accommodation of every one, since his claim does not extend beyond the said logs; together with all the profits, rights and privileges belonging to the aforesaid parcels of land or thereto in any wise appertaining, with all the proofs and writings relating thereto or confirming what is hereinbefore stated, whether the whole or any part thereof, the said Cornelise Thymese, his heirs, executors and assigns, to have and to hold the aforesaid land with its appurtenances [the grantor promising] the same in his or their quiet and full possession against all

<sup>1</sup> Now called Lishas kill.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning Jan Spoor's land.



persons to secure and forever to defend. In witness whereof said Jan Jacobse van Noorstrant has hereto set his hand and seal in Albany, the 8th of April, in the 37th year of his Majesty's reign, Anno 1685.

[Ms destroyed] Jan Cloet to the grantor is dated this day.

JAN JACOPE VAN NOORSTRANT<sup>1</sup>

**Bond and mortgage of Jan Wiebese, *alias* Jan Spoor, to Johannes Wendel**

[288] Appeared before us, the undersigned justices of the peace of the county of Albany Jan Wiebese, *alias* Jan Spoor, husbandman dwelling at Canastagioene in the county aforesaid, who declared that he was honestly and truly indebted and in arrears to Mr Johannes Wendel of the county of Albany and to his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in the quantity of forty whole, good, merchantable beaver skins, or wheat, or pease at beaver prices, arising from moneys advanced and paid to his satisfaction, which aforesaid quantity of forty beavers the subscriber promises to pay to the aforesaid Mr Johannes Wendel or his assigns within the term of three years from the date hereof, with the interest at eight per cent per annum to be reckoned from this day to the date of final payment and for the punctual payment of the amount aforesaid with the interest thereof the subscriber especially binds and mortgages his plantation situated at Canastagioene on the great flat, containing ten morgens of land, conveyed to him this day by Joh: Cloet, lying next to the *Steenbergie* (small stone hill), except three morgens sold to J: Soet, together with all his interests there at Canastagioene, as to house, barn, orchard and other appurtenances, and furthermore he binds his person and property, together with the land which he bought of Jaques Vigoir, and all other effects, present or future, as well as his heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents for the recovery of the said amount without cost or loss. Done in Albany without fraud or deceit and these signed and sealed on the 8th of April in the 37th year of his Majesty's reign, Anno 1685.

The mark Y W of JAN WIEBESE, made  
with his own hand

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<sup>1</sup> Thus in the original.

**Deed from Mohawk Indians to Teunis Slingerlant and his son-in-law Johannes Appel for land on the north side of Onitsquothaa creek to the west of Albany behind the Normans kill**

[289] <sup>1</sup> Know all men by these Presents that wee underwritten Maquase Indian owners and native Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Land called Onitsquothaa viz<sup>t</sup>. Sagoddiochquisax, Tohodaasse, Rojendre, ochquese, Tahindanege; Tojonjow; Sôhantowanne; wagarontharade; being impowred & authorised by all y<sup>e</sup> Sachims of y<sup>e</sup> 3 Races of y<sup>e</sup> Maquase; and by Onighrœnde one of y<sup>e</sup> Principall owners; for and in Consideracon of these following goods in hand Paid to witt, one Peece of Strouds, three Casks of Rom, three kites, three Shirts, hondert & fifty hand white wampam; one bag of Pouder, the Receipt whereof we doe oune and aeknowledge, and of y<sup>e</sup> Payment doe fully Discharge, have Bargained, Sold, aliened, and Transported, and by these Presents doe Bargain Sell alien and Transport, unto Teunis Slingerlant and his Sonne in law Johannes Appel, and to there heires and assigns for Ever, all our Right Title and Intrest in a Certain Tract or Parcel of Land, Scituate lying and being, on y<sup>e</sup> north Side off a Certain Creek called Onitsquothaa to y<sup>e</sup> westward of Albany, being behind the noormans Creek about Sixteen miles into y<sup>e</sup> wo[o]ds, which Said Land to witt y<sup>e</sup> arrable Land is marked on y<sup>e</sup> east & west End w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> wolff Bear, & Turtle, being y<sup>e</sup> marks of y<sup>e</sup> 3 Races of y<sup>e</sup> Maquase; together w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> wood Land adjoyning by y<sup>e</sup> arrable Land; as far as y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Indians Rights goe as also y<sup>e</sup> Creek called Onitsquothaa as far as there Land Runns and all our Right Title and Intrest in all y<sup>e</sup> woods, Lands, Pastures, meadows, marches, Creeks, Rivers, Riveletts, kills, Trees, Timber, w<sup>t</sup>. all oy<sup>r</sup>. Commodities, Emulements, and Conveniencies, appertaineing unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Land, to have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract and Parcell off Land and Premises to them y<sup>e</sup> Said Teunis Slingerlant & Johannes Appel there heires and assigns [290] for Ever, and in y<sup>e</sup> quiet full and Peaceable Possession of y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract and Parcell of Land and Premises, them y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Teunis Slingerlant, & Johannes Appel, there heires and assigns to keep and mantain wee hynde our Selves our heires and Assigns for Ever firmly by these Presents in wittnesse whereof we have hereunto Putt our marks and Seals in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of, y<sup>e</sup> underwritte Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

NB The Signing and Sealeing of this deed was deferrd till Barent Pieterse his Patent was showen who alleadges y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Land afores<sup>d</sup>. is comprehended in his Patent bought of y<sup>e</sup> Sachims att y<sup>e</sup> Catskill.

<sup>1</sup> In English.

dated y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of Ap<sup>l</sup>. 1673 which y<sup>e</sup> Maquase afores<sup>d</sup>. doe flatly deny and declare y<sup>t</sup>. it is there Land wonn by y<sup>e</sup> Sword; and a mahikander Squae Pawachpanachkam, doth Say y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Land doth belong to her and anoy<sup>r</sup>. Indian, Machaneek, and after a Long discourse w<sup>t</sup>. Barent & y<sup>e</sup> Indians, Barent did Declare he Should not differ with y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. buyers about y<sup>e</sup> Matter y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. T. Slingerlant & Joh: Appel Engageing to Satisfy y<sup>e</sup> Mahikanders for y<sup>r</sup>. Pretence on w<sup>h</sup>. whereupon y<sup>e</sup> goods were delivered to y<sup>e</sup> Maquase, and they signed and sealed hereunder in y<sup>e</sup> Court hal of Albany the 8<sup>th</sup>. day of Mey in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second, off Engl: Scotl: france & Irlant king: defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. dom. 1685.

SAGGODDIOCH X QUISAX his mark [L. S.]

ROJENDRE X his mark [L. S.]

TOHODA X RASSE his mark [L. S.]

Pieter Schuyler  
Gerret Bancken  
Willem Teller

These 3 sign in y<sup>e</sup> behalf off all y<sup>e</sup> Rest

#### Deed from Pieter Adriaensen to Andries Teller for a lot in Albany on the hill

[291] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, clerk of Alb[any], colony of Rensel[aerswyk], etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Pr. Shuyler and Mr Joh: Wendel, magistrates of said jurisdiction, Pr. Adriaense So Gemackelyk,<sup>1</sup> who declared that he granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and absolute ownership to and for the behoof of And<sup>s</sup>. Teller, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain lot lying here in Albany on the hill, to the south Wynant Gerritse,<sup>2</sup> to the north the house heretofore belonging to Jochim d'Backer,<sup>3</sup> in breadth in the rear as well as in front 22½ feet and in length two rods and eleven feet, as well south as north, all Rhineland measure; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that he is paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Mr And<sup>s</sup>. Teller, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as he might do

<sup>1</sup> Pieter Adriaensen van Woggehlm, nicknamed *Soogemackelyck* (So-easy).

<sup>2</sup> Wynant Gerritsen van der Poel.

<sup>3</sup> Jochim Wesselsen, the baker.

with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, liens and demands, and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 11th of May 1685.

PIETER ADRIAENSZ

**Deed from Harmen Bastiaensen to Teunis Pietersen for a lot in Albany**

[292] To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Harme Bastiaense,<sup>1</sup> carpenter, of the town and county of Albany, sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of the sum of ninety-five merchantable beavers, current money of this province, paid down at and before the en-sealing and delivery of these by Teunis Pieterse of the county aforesaid, the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges and therefrom fully, clearly and absolutely discharges, releases and frees him, the aforesaid Teunis Pieterse, his executors, administrators and assigns forever and therewith acknowledges himself to be fully and completely paid, content and satisfied, he, the aforesaid Harme Bastiaense, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to the aforesaid Teunis Pieterse a certain lot lying here in Albany to the south of him, the grantor, and to the north of Claes Rotterdam,<sup>2</sup> being in breadth in front on the street twenty-four wood feet and behind against the lot that heretofore belonged to Teunis Slingerlant also twenty-four wood feet, in length as well on the south side as on the north side six rods, according to the patent to him, Harme Bastiaense, granted by the late Governor General Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls of date [blank] 1667;<sup>3</sup> with all the profits, privileges and appurtenances to the said lot, etc. belonging; to have and to hold said lot with two and a half feet behind on the northwest corner of said lot up the hill for an alley, together with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid Teunis Pieterse, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in his or their quiet and free possession against all persons to secure and forever by these presents to defend.

<sup>1</sup> Harmen Bastiaensen Visscher.

<sup>2</sup> Identified by Professor Pearson with Claes Jacobsen Groesbeck.

<sup>3</sup> This patent is not recorded, the record of patents between August 16 and September 2, 1667, having merely a memorandum of the fact that a patent was granted to Herman Bastiaens of lot "N<sup>o</sup>. 7. in breadth 45 foot & in length 6 Rod."

In witness whereof the aforesaid Harme Bastiaense has hereto set his hand and seal in Albany the 12th of May in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord James the second, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, *Anno Domini* 1685.

HARMEN BASTIAENS

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

### Deed from Teunis Pietersen to Johannes Appel for a lot in Albany

[293] To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Teunis Pieterse of the county of Albany sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of the sum of ninety beavers current money of this province, paid down at and before the ensealing and delivery of these by Johannes Appel, smith, burgher and inhabitant of the town of Albany, the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges and therefrom and every part and parcel thereof fully, clearly and absolutely discharges, releases and frees him, the aforesaid Johannes Appel, his executors, administrators and assigns forever and therewith acknowledges himself to be fully and completely paid, content and satisfied, he, the aforesaid Teunis Pieterse, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to the aforesaid Johannes Appell a certain lot lying here in Albany whereon the said Appel has built a new house, to the south of Harme Bastiaense and to the north of Claes Rotterdam, being in breadth in front on the street twenty-four wood feet and behind against the lot heretofore belonging to Teunis Slingerlant also twenty-four wood feet; in length as well on the south side as on the north side six rods, Rhineland measure; with all the profits, privileges and appurtenances to the aforesaid lot belonging or in any wise appertaining, together with all instruments, proofs and writings relating to and confirming the same, whether the whole or any part thereof, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him this day given by Harme Bastiaense, to which reference is herein made, to have and [       ]<sup>1</sup> behind on the north [       ] for an alley [       ]

<sup>1</sup> Corner of leaf torn off.

Johannes App [ ]  
 and assigns [ ]  
 all persons [ ]  
 to defend. In witness [ ]  
 his hand and [ ]  
 and sealed [ ]

[In the margin]:

Signed and sealed

in the presence of

*Pr. Shuyler* just[ice of the peace]

*Johannes Wende*[1]

**Deed from Jane de La Warde to Cornelis Thymesen for a piece of arable land on the great flat at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[294] To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Jan de La Warde of the county of Albany sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of the sum of thirty beavers current money of this county, paid at and before the enscaling and delivery of this by Cornelis Thymese of Canastagioene in the county of Albany, the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges and therefrom and every part and parcel thereof fully, clearly and absolutely discharges, releases and frees him, the aforesaid Cornelis Thymese, his executors, administrators and assigns forever and therewith acknowledges himself to be fully and completely paid, content and satisfied, he, the aforesaid Jan de La Warde, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, alien, convey and confirm to the aforesaid Cornelis Thymese a piece of arable land lytng on the great flat at Canastagioene on the south side of the Maquas river, containing about six morgens, bounding on the land of Jan Spoor and so on to the river keeping the breadth of Jan Spoor's land, on this condition that the aforesaid Jan Spoor must make and keep in constant repair the fence between his and this aforesaid land, to wit he, Spoor, or his successors who may hereafter buy the rights of Jan Spoor; with all the profits, privileges and appurtenances to the aforesaid lot of land belonging or in anywise appertaining; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Symon Shoute dated the 2d of February 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; to have and to hold the said piece of land with all its appurten-

ances to the aforesaid Cornelis Thymese, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in his

[ ]<sup>1</sup> peaceable possession against all persons  
 [ ] by these presents to secure  
 [ ] the 14th of May 1685.

[ ] LA WARDEN

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from the Indians to Robert Livingston for a tract of land called Tachkanik on the east side of the Hudson river on Roelof Jansens kill**

[295] "Know all men by these Presents that wee underwritten Indian owners, and native Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Land called Tachkanik, vizt., Tataemshatt, and Michiel his Brother, by y<sup>e</sup> Indians calld Waquassamo, Impowred by there Broy<sup>r</sup>. that is att Canida, called Amesett; Item Tawihaes, Nishotowaw; Minasees. Nanamawe, & Tataemshatts moy<sup>r</sup>. Tantapenowa a Squae Netopoes wife and Mamattittawawpe, Mohowacghqua, & Guttatamo; for and in Consideracon of these following goods in hand Paid in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of y<sup>e</sup> Command<sup>r</sup>. & Magistrates of Albany, to witt Six hundred & thirty gild<sup>r</sup>s., black and white strung wampum; Seven Blankets, & one litle Blankett eight faddom of Strouds, ten faddom off Duffells, Seven gunns, Eleven kitles, five Cask of Rom, four half fatts of Beer, five Baggs of Pouder, Sixty barrs of lead, fourteen Coats, made of Strouds, & Duffells, Tenn great Shirts & Twelpe litle ones, thirteen axes, tenn pare great Stockings fyve Pare of wome[n]s Stockings, & five Pare Childrens dito, nine hoos, fifty knives, four Rolls of Tobacco, four Yron Potts, Two hundred awles, Two Serge Coats, four hatts, four Capps, five Pare of Shoos, Two Edges, Two haelmesses,<sup>3</sup> Two Plains, Six botles, and three earthen Juggs, the Receipt whereof, wee doe owne and acknowledge, and of y<sup>e</sup> Payment doe fully Discharge, have Bargained, Sold, aliened, Confirmed & Transported, and by these Presents, doe Bargain Sell, alien, Confirm and Transport all our Right Title and Interest of y<sup>e</sup> Land called

<sup>1</sup> Corner of leaf torn off.

<sup>2</sup> With the exception of the documents recorded on pages 344-45, 347-48 and 352-53, the remaining part of volume 3 of Deeds is in English.

<sup>3</sup> A Dutch term meaning "drawing knives," such as are used by carpenters and wheelwrights. "Edges" probably means "chisels" and "Plains" is doubtless intended for "planes."

Tachkanik unto Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston his heires and Assigns for ever, he haveing a graunt from y<sup>e</sup> Right hon<sup>ble</sup>. Col. Thom: Dongan Gov<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. dated y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>. day of June 1685 to Purchase y<sup>e</sup> Same w<sup>h</sup>. said Land is Scituate lyeing and being, behinde Patkook, on a Certain kill or Creek y<sup>t</sup>. Runns into hudsons River, and there Called Roeloff Johnsons kill beginning on y<sup>e</sup> North west Side of S<sup>d</sup>. kill y<sup>t</sup>. Runns along y<sup>e</sup> flatt or Plain Land, att a Place called by y<sup>e</sup> natives Minnissichtanock where Two Black oak Trees are marked w<sup>t</sup>. L & from thence along a Small hill, to a valley, y<sup>t</sup>. Leads to a Small Creek called by y<sup>e</sup> Indians Quisichkook, and over y<sup>e</sup> [296] said Creek to a high Place to y<sup>e</sup> westward of a high mountain, where Two black oak Trees are marked w<sup>t</sup>. L and is called by the native kachkawyick, from thence westward, To a Small hill, on y<sup>e</sup> Side of a Creek called Skaan Pook, where Two white oak trees are marked L and So Runns along y<sup>e</sup> east Side of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Creek which a little lower is called by y<sup>e</sup> name of Twastawekak, and is y<sup>e</sup> westerly Bounds; They Transporting all there Right and Title to y<sup>e</sup> eastward of S<sup>d</sup>. Creek called Twastawekak, The Southerly bounds begins on y<sup>e</sup> oy<sup>r</sup>. Side of y<sup>t</sup>. Creek y<sup>t</sup>. Runns along y<sup>e</sup> flatt or Plain over against Minnissichtanock, where Two Trees are markd and Runns along y<sup>e</sup> foot of y<sup>e</sup> high mountains, to y<sup>e</sup> Path y<sup>t</sup>. goes to Wawyacht-enock, to a hill calld by y<sup>e</sup> Indians, Mananosick, where Two Trees, are marked, on y<sup>e</sup> Southwest Side of y<sup>e</sup> Path; from thence westward to a Creek called by y<sup>e</sup> natives, Nachawawachkano, where Two white oak Trees are marked L, which Creek comes into y<sup>e</sup> oy<sup>r</sup>. Creek Called Twastawekak w<sup>h</sup>. is y<sup>e</sup> west bounds, and So Incloses all y<sup>e</sup> Land, & low hills, y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Indians now doe transport, The Place where s<sup>d</sup>. Two Creeks meets being called Mawichnak, together w<sup>t</sup>. all our Right and Title and Intrest, in all y<sup>e</sup> woods, Lands, Pastures, meadows, marshes, Creeks, kills, Rivelets, trees Timber, w<sup>t</sup>. all oy<sup>r</sup>. Commodities, Emulements and Conveniencies thereunto appertaineing, and Belonging, to have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract & Parcell of Land and Premises, to him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Robert Livingston his heires and assigns for ever; and in y<sup>e</sup> quiet full and Peaceable Possession of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Tract and Parcell of Land & Premises, him y<sup>e</sup> said Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston his heires and assigns to keep & mentain, wee binde our Selves, our heires and assigns for ever firmly by these Presents; In wisse whereof we have hereunto Putt our hands & sealls in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of Major Gervis Baxter Command<sup>r</sup>. of Albany, and M<sup>r</sup>. David Schuyler, M<sup>r</sup>. Johannes Wendel, M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Teller, &



Mr Ger<sup>t</sup>. Banker Magistrates of Albany, and Robert Sanders Interpreter. in Albany this 10<sup>th</sup>. day of August 1685.

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TATAEM X SHATT and ( ) Seale  
mark

MICHEL X his mark & ( ) Seale

TAWHHAES X his mark & O Seale

MAMA X TITTA AWAPE her mark O

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NISHO X TOWAW ( ) & Seale  
mark

MINASEES X her mark ( ) & Seale

TANTAPE X NOWA ( ) & Seale  
her mark Netepoes wife

Signed & Sealed  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Ger Baxter*

*Davidt Schuiler*

*Johannes Wendel*

*Willem Teller*

*Gerrret Bancken*

*Robbert Sandersz*

**Deed from Annetje Lievens, widow of Goose Gerritsen van Schaick, to Jan Byvanck for the half of a garden behind the old fort**

[297] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall Come Annetje Lievens wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Goose Gerritse van Schayk of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County off Albany, sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideracon of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of four & Twenty Bev<sup>rs</sup>. to her y<sup>e</sup> Said annetic Lievens in hand Paid, att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by John Byvanck of y<sup>e</sup> Toune & County of Albany afores<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof shee doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof, and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate & Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said John Byvank his Executors, ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns for ever, and therew<sup>t</sup>. doth acknowledge herself to be fully Paid, Contented and Satisfyed, and has therefore, graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfeoffed, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfeoffe & Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said John Byvank, the half or moyety of a Certain gardin, lyeing behinde y<sup>e</sup> old fort, bounding to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> oy<sup>r</sup>. moyety of y<sup>e</sup> Gardin, belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Said Annetje Lievens, to y<sup>e</sup> north Evert Janse Cuyper,<sup>1</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> east a garding belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Said Byvank, & to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> Common

<sup>1</sup> Evert Jansen Wendel, cooper.

highway, Containing in Breadth on y<sup>e</sup> South Side Six Rod one foot and a half on y<sup>e</sup> north Six Rod, four foot & a half, In len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> east Side four Rod Seven foot, and nine Inches, and one y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> like The whole gardin, whereof this being half, was graunted to y<sup>e</sup> Said Cap<sup>t</sup>. Goose Gerrisse deceased by the Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, as by y<sup>e</sup> Patent dated y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>. day of Aprill 1667<sup>1</sup> doth at Large appear, all w<sup>h</sup>. with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said Annetie Lievens, is transported to y<sup>e</sup> Said John Byvank, his heires and assigns, w<sup>h</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profits, Commodities, and appertenances, whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said moyety of y<sup>e</sup> gardin above Expressed is Belonging; to have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> Said half or moyety of y<sup>e</sup> Gardin and Premises, w<sup>h</sup>. there and every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said John Byvank his heires Executors, administrators, & assigns, in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin, against all Persones to warrant & for Ever by these Presents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Annetje Lievens, hath hereunto Sett her hand & Seale in Alb<sup>n</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> fifteenth day of octob: in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second king of England Scotland france & Yrland Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. dom: 1685.

Was Sign'd. ANNETGE LIEVENS (locus Sigilli)

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Pr<sup>s</sup>ence of  
*Harme Rutgers*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>th</sup>. day of octob.  
1685. R: LIVINGSTON Cl.

#### Deed from Jan Verbeeck to Reynier Schaets for a lot in Albany

[298] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall Come, Jan V[er]beeck of y<sup>e</sup> Toune & County of Albany; sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for & in Consideracon of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Eighty good Merchandable Bev<sup>rs</sup>. to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan V[er]beeck in hand Paid, att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Reynier Schaets of y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Shinnechtady in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Chirurgine, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof, he doth hereby acknowledge & y<sup>r</sup>. of, & off every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquit Exonerate, and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Reynier Schaets, his Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. & assigns for ever, and therew<sup>t</sup>. doth acknowledge himself to be fully Paid, Con-

<sup>1</sup> This patent states that the garden was purchased by Goose Gerritsen, but does not say when or from whom. The breadth of the garden as patented was the same as that of the piece conveyed, but the length was nine rods, three and a half feet, or just twice that of the piece conveyed to Byvanck.

tented and Satisfyed, and hes therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfeoffed & Confirmed, & by these p<sup>r</sup>sents doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfeoffe & Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Reynier Shaets, a Certain Lott of ground, lyeing & being here in Albany in y<sup>e</sup> Cow Street,<sup>1</sup> where y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan V[er]beeks old house Stood upon, on which Lott y<sup>e</sup> Said Reynier, hath built Two new houses, bounding to y<sup>e</sup> South off John V[er]beeks new house, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> high Street, to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Lane that goes to Sybrant van Shayks Brew house, & to y<sup>e</sup> east y<sup>e</sup> highway along the tounes Stockadoes, Containing in len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> north Side, Twelf Rod fyve foot and a half, & on y<sup>e</sup> South Side Twelf Rod & Six foot, to y<sup>e</sup> East in bredth Two Rod fyve foot & a half, & to y<sup>e</sup> west towards y<sup>e</sup> Street, Two Rod & Eight foot all Ryntlanse measure, w<sup>h</sup>. Said Lott is Pairt, of y<sup>t</sup>. w<sup>h</sup>. was graunted to y<sup>e</sup> Said John V[er]beek by y<sup>e</sup> Late Gov<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, as by y<sup>e</sup> Patent dated y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>. day of Aprill 1667<sup>2</sup> at large doth appear, all w<sup>h</sup>. w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right and title of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John V[er]beek is transported to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Reynier Shaets his heires & assigns, w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities & appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott off ground above Expressed is belonging, to have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott of ground & Premises, w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. & every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Reynier Shaets his heires Execut<sup>r</sup>s. Ad<sup>r</sup>s. & assigns, in his quiet & Peaceable Possession & Seizin, against all p<sup>r</sup>sons to warrant & for Ever by y<sup>s</sup>. Presents Defend in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John V[er]beek hath hereunto Sett his hand & Seale in Albany y<sup>e</sup> four & twentieth day of octob. in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souv: Lord, James y<sup>e</sup> 2: king of Eng: Scotl: fr: & Irland Defend<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> faith A<sup>o</sup>. 1685.

was Signd

JAN VERBEEK (Loc:  
Sig)

y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Cornelis Teunise Swart*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>. day of Octob.  
1685

R: LIVINGSTON Cl.

<sup>1</sup> Now called Broadway.

<sup>2</sup> On this date Jan Verbeek received a patent for a house and lot conveyed to him on May 1, 1657, by Dirck Bensingh and Harmen Jacobsen Bamboes "lying in Beverwick at Albany containing in breadth on the west side fifty seven foot, and on the East forty seven foot and a half wood measure with the Fence as it then lay in breadth, & so to stretch along the Fence in Length as in the Ground briefe is sett forth."

**Deed from Jan Jansen Bleecker, attorney of Johannes Withart,  
to Jan Becker for a house and lot in Albany near the church**

[299] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing Shall Come Jan Janse Bleecker Lawfull attorney and Procurator of Joh: Withart, sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee that for and in Consideracon of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of one hundred & forty good merchandable Bevers, to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Jansz Bleecker of y<sup>e</sup> Toune & County of Albany merch<sup>t</sup>, in hand Paid, att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by m<sup>r</sup>. Jan Becker of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany Shoolmaster, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof, he doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof and off every Part & Parcell y<sup>r</sup>.of, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>r</sup>. Jan Becker his Executors, administrators & assigns, for ever, and therewith doth acknowledge himself to be fully Paid Contented and Satisfyed, and hath therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfeoffed and Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents, doth fully cleerly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Jan Becker all y<sup>t</sup>. Certain messuage, Tenement or dwelling house w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Ground thereunto belonging, Scituate Lyeing and Being within y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany afores<sup>d</sup>, neer to y<sup>e</sup> Church, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> east y<sup>e</sup> house of William Teller, to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> house of Dowe Aukus, to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Creek, and to y<sup>e</sup> north y<sup>e</sup> Jonckheer Street, is in bredth towards y<sup>e</sup> Street Two Rod, nine foot, and three Inches, and behinde towards y<sup>e</sup> Creek Two Rod & three foot, and in len[g]th from y<sup>e</sup> Street to y<sup>e</sup> Creek, Together w<sup>t</sup>. all and Singular, y<sup>e</sup> Sellers, Sollers,<sup>1</sup> Chambers, houses, outhouses, buildeing yards, Backsides, ways, Passadges, waters, water Courses, Lights, easements, Profites, Commodities, and advantages, whatsoever, to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. house and ground, belonging, or in any wise appertaining; w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Rights, Title, Property, claime and Demand, of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Joh: Withart, off in, & to y<sup>e</sup> Same; w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profits, Commodities and Appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. house and Lott of ground is belonging, together w<sup>t</sup>. all and Singular, Deeds, Evidences, and writeings touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Same, Particularly y<sup>e</sup> Patent graunted to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Joh: Withart, by y<sup>e</sup> Late Gov<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, dated y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> day of octob: 1667<sup>2</sup> upon this Condicon y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Joh: Witthart nor his

<sup>1</sup> Probably intended for the Dutch word *solders*, meaning "garrets."

<sup>2</sup> This patent was granted to Johannes Withart upon a conveyance made to him by Pieter Hartgers, bearing date the 4th of July 1658, "for a certaine house & lott of ground lying & being in Albany conteyning in breadth towards

attorney John Jonhse Bleeker, are no ways obliged to make good y<sup>t</sup>. quantity of ground Expressd in S<sup>d</sup>. Patent more than above is Expressed in this Conveyance, butt if y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Becker or his heirs can have any advantadge by y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Patent, all the Right and Title of said Withart is hereby Transported unto him & his heires and Assigns, to have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said house and Lott of ground and Premises, w<sup>t</sup>. there and Every of there appertenances, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Becker, his heirs Executors, administrators and assigns, in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seezin, against all Persones to warrant, and forever by these p<sup>r</sup>sents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Jansz Bleeker, hath hereunto Sett his hand and Seale in Albany this 7<sup>th</sup> day of novemb. in y<sup>e</sup> first year of the Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second; king of England Scotland, france & Irland king; Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith; annoq. dom. 1685

was Signd

JAN JANSZ BLEEKER (Scale)  
PROCURATOR VAN JOAN WITHART

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
*Lawrence van Ale*  
*Jeronimus Wendell*

Recorded in Albany  
y<sup>e</sup> day & year above written  
ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON

**Deed from Cornelis van Dyck and his wife to Myndert Harmensen for a piece of pasture land north of Albany on the Vossen kill**

[300] To all Christian People to whom this present writing shall Come, Cornelis van Dyck and Elisabeth his wife, of y<sup>e</sup> Toune & County of Albany Sendeth greeting in our Lord God. Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of fifty Bevers Currant money of this province, to him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis van Dyck in hand paid, att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and Delivery hereof, by Mynd<sup>t</sup>. Harmense of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany afores<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>

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y<sup>e</sup> street two Rod nyne foot & nyne Inches. In length towards y<sup>e</sup> Creek or Kill seauen Rod in breadth behinde towards y<sup>e</sup> Kill two Rod three foot & nyne Inches, In length on t<sup>o</sup>th<sup>r</sup>. syde fiue Rod nyne foot six Inches w<sup>th</sup>. liberty for a gutter or passage for water on each side of six Inches all Rynlants measure."

Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every part and Parcel y<sup>e</sup>.of, doth, fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Mynd<sup>r</sup>. Harmense, his Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns for ever, and therewith doe acknowledge themselves, to be fully paid Contented & Satisfyed, and have therefore, graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these presents, doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, Graunt Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Myndert Harmense, a Certain Peece of Pasture ground, to y<sup>e</sup> north of Albany, below in y<sup>e</sup> third Creek,<sup>1</sup> bounding to y<sup>e</sup> East Ryer Elbertse, now Gerrit Ryerse, to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> kill, to y<sup>e</sup> South and north y<sup>e</sup> hill, and is in len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> South Side one & Thirty Rod, on y<sup>e</sup> north Side thirty Rod, in Bredth on y<sup>e</sup> west Side fifteen Rodd, and on y<sup>e</sup> East Side three & Twenty Rod, as by y<sup>e</sup> Transport made over to y<sup>e</sup> Said van Dyck, by y<sup>e</sup> Church Wardens dated y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> day of august 1676,<sup>2</sup> Together with anoy<sup>r</sup>. Certain Peece of Land, lyeing att y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. third Creek or kill Containing in Len[g]th, on y<sup>e</sup> South Side, Sixty Rod, & on y<sup>e</sup> north Side fifty; in breadth att y<sup>e</sup> East end, four and Twenty Rod, and y<sup>e</sup> like att y<sup>e</sup> west being about Six acres, graunted to y<sup>e</sup> Said van Dyck by y<sup>e</sup> Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Edmund Andross y<sup>e</sup> Patent dated y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of octob. 1679<sup>3</sup> both w<sup>h</sup>. Parcells of Land is now Comprehended in one fence, all w<sup>h</sup>. with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and title, of y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis van Dyck is Transported to Myndert Harmense his heirs and assigns, w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profitts, Commodities, and Appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Peeces of Pasture ground, belonging, together w<sup>t</sup>. all and Singular, Deeds, Evidences, and writeings, Touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece of Pasture ground and Premises, w<sup>t</sup>. there and Every of there appertenances, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Myndert Harmense his heirs, Executors, ad<sup>rs</sup>. & assigns, in his quiet & peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by these Presents defend, in witness whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis van Dyck & Elisabeth his wife, have hereunto Sett there hands & Seals in Albany this Six & Twentieth day of June in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our

<sup>1</sup> The Vossen kill.

<sup>2</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:132.

<sup>3</sup> Apparently not recorded.

Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second king of England Scotland, france  
& Irland, Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom: 1685

Was Signd

CORN<sup>s</sup>. VAN DYCK (L. S.)

ELISABETH VAN DYCK (L. S.)

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence off  
*Pieter Schuyler*  
*Ger<sup>t</sup>. Banker*

Recorded in Albany

y<sup>e</sup> day & year abovewritten

R: LIVINGSTON *Cl.*

**Deed from John Gilbert and his wife to Johannes Beekman for  
a lot in Albany**

[301] To all Christian People to whom these p<sup>r</sup>sents shall come John Gilbert and Cornelia his wife of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Three & thirty good merchandable Bevers to him y<sup>e</sup> Said John Gilbert in hand paid att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and delivery hereof, by Johannes Beekman, of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany Blacksmith, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully cleerly and absolutely acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Johannes Beekman, his Executors, administrators and assigns for ever, and therewith doe acknowledge, themselves to be fully paid Contented and Satisfyed, and have therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these Presents doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeff & Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Beekman, a Certain Lott off Ground, lyeing, here in Albany, between y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott off Johannes Beekman afores<sup>d</sup>. and y<sup>e</sup> Lane of Lawrence van Ale being in Bredth towards y<sup>e</sup> Street, Eastward nine & Twenty foot Rynlans measure, and in len[g]th Six Rodd, as appears by the Patent graunted by y<sup>e</sup> Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls to Arent van den Bergh deceased,<sup>1</sup> father in law to

<sup>1</sup> This refers to the patent to Arent van den Bergh granted on September 6, 1667, for no. 2 of the newly laid out lots on the west side of what is now North Pearl street, between State street and Maiden Lane. The lot was originally 36 feet wide, of which 7 feet were sold by John Gilbert to Lawrence van Ale on April 11, 1670. See *Deeds*, 3:27.

y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Gilbert, all which, with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title, of y<sup>e</sup> Said John Gilbert, and Cornelia his wife, is Transported to Johannes Beekman, his heirs and Assigns, with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> said Lott off ground belonging, together with all and Singular, deeds, Evidences, & writeings, touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece of ground and Premises, w<sup>th</sup>. there and Every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> said Johannes Beekman, his heirs, Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. & assigns, & in his quiett and Peaceable, Possession and Seizin, against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by these Presents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Gilbert and Cornelia his wife have hereunto Sett there hands & Sealls in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> day of octob. in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second king of England Scotland, france & Irland, Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom: 1685

was Signed

JOHN GILBERT (L: S:)

her

CORNELIA X GILBERT (L: S:)

mark

Sealed & deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Albert Ryckman*  
*Johannes Bensem*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

Recorded in Albany

y<sup>e</sup> Day & year abovewritten

R: LIVINGSTON Cl.

**Deed from Myndert Fredericksen to Cornelis Michielsen for  
the farm called Klinkenbergh opposite Claverack**

[302] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall come Myndert Frederikse Blacksmith of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany and Pietertie his wife Sendeth greeteing in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee, that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of five hundred and fifty shepells of good wheat to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Myndert Frederikse in hand paid, att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof, by Cornelis Michielse, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge and thereof, and of every Part, and Parcell thereof, doth fully cleerly, & absolutely, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis Michielse, his Executors, Administra-



tors and assigns, for ever, and therewith doe acknowledge themselves, to be fully paid, Contented and Satisfyed, and have therefor graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfeoffed and Confirmed, and by these Presents, doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis Michielsse a Certain farm or Bowery, called klinkenbergh, lyeing over against Claverak, together w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> house and Barn, and all y<sup>e</sup> appertenances, thereunto Belonging, with all his Right and Title, which he hes there, being y<sup>e</sup> third part of y<sup>e</sup> Patent graunted by y<sup>e</sup> Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, to John Hend: Bruyn, Jurian Teunise and John Cloet, w<sup>h</sup>. Said Third part was Transported to y<sup>e</sup> Said Myndert by John Hend: Bruyns y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>. of August 1675,<sup>1</sup> w<sup>th</sup>. this Exception y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Land w<sup>h</sup>. was Transported to Marte Gerritse out of y<sup>e</sup> Said Patent, by John Cloet, Jurian Teunise & Myndert Frederikse y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. of march 1681 is nott Comprehended in this Conveyance, all which with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said Myndert Frederickse and Pietertie his wife, is Transported to Cornelis Michielsse, his heirs and Assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities, and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Bowery and Tract of Land is Belonging, together with all and Singular, Deeds Evidences and writings touching & Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said farme or Bowery and y<sup>e</sup> Land thereunto Belonging, w<sup>th</sup>. there and every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis Machielsse, his heirs, Executors, Administr<sup>s</sup>. & assigns, & in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin, against all Persones to warrant, & for ever by these presents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Myndert frederikse, & Pietertie his wife, have hereunto Sett there hands and Sealls in Albany this one & Thirtieth day of octob. in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second king of England, Scotland frans & Irland Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom: 1685

Was Signd w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Respective Marks &  
Seals of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Myndert & Pietertie  
his wife

Sealed & Deliverd to M<sup>r</sup>. John  
Becker attorney Impowred by y<sup>e</sup>  
S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis Michielsse to Receive  
y<sup>e</sup> Same in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of

*John Gilbert*

*Corn: Teunise Swart*

*R: Livingston Cl.*

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:119-20.

**Deed from John Becker, attorney of Cornelis Michielsen, to Jacob Fenix for one-half of the farm called Klinkenberg**

[303] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come John Becker attorney and Procurator of Cornelis Michielse, sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Two hundred and Seventy fore Shep<sup>ls</sup>. of wheat, to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis Machielse in hand Paid att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and delivery hereof, by Jacob fenix, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof he doth hereby in y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis Michielse acknowlege, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob fenix his Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns for ever, and therewith doth acknowledge to be fully, paid, Contented, and Satisfyed, and hath therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed and by these Presents doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob Fenix, y<sup>e</sup> half or moeyety of a Certain farm or Bowery, called klinkenberg lyeing upon Hudsons River over against Claverak, together w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> moyety of y<sup>e</sup> house and Barn, and all appertences, thereunto belonging, w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> half off all his Right and Title, w<sup>h</sup>. he hes there, which was a third part of y<sup>e</sup> Patent graunted by y<sup>e</sup> Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, to John Hendrik Bruyn, Jurian Teunise and John Cloet, (Except y<sup>e</sup> Land of Marte Gerritse Conveyed to him by John Cloet, Jurian Teunise, and Myndert Frederikse y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>. of March 1681, which Said Third Part was Conveyed to y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis Machielse, by Myndert Frederikse & Pietertie his wife on y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>. day of octob. 1685,<sup>1</sup> all which w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> half of y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said Cornelis Michielse is Transported to y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob Fenix, his heirs and assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities and appertences whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. half Bowery, and half of y<sup>e</sup> Tract of Land is Belonging, To have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> half or moyety of y<sup>e</sup> Said farme or Bowery, and y<sup>e</sup> Land thereunto Belonging, with there and Every of there appertences unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob Fenix, his heirs, Exec<sup>rs</sup>. Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and Assigns in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by these presents defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Becker Procurator for y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis Michielse under his hand and Seale, hath hereunto sett his hand and Seale in Albany this Second day of novemb in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign off our Souveraign Lord James

<sup>1</sup> Should be: the 31st day of October 1685. See preceding deed.

y<sup>e</sup> Second, kind of England, Scotland, france & Irland Defender of  
y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom. 1685

Was Signed

J:BECKER (S:)

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Harme Ganschoort*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

**Deed from Geertruy Vosburgh to Johannes Beekman for a lot  
in Albany**

[304] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall Come Geertruy Vosborgh of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany, sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of one hundred & Twelve Bevers, to her y<sup>e</sup> Said Geertruy Vosburgh in hand paid, att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof, by Johannes Beekman of y<sup>e</sup> Toune & County of Albany Blacksmith, y<sup>e</sup> Reccit whereof shee doth hereby acknowlege, & thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully cleerly & absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Beekman, his Executors, Administrators and assigns for ever, and therewith doth acknowledge herself, to be fully Paid, Contented and Satisfyed, and hath therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, alliened, Enfoeffed and Confirmed, & by these presents, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johanness Beekman, a Certain Lott of ground, where her old house Stood upon, w<sup>h</sup>. Said Lott y<sup>e</sup> Said Beekman hath built a new house; Lyeing here in Albany, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Lott w<sup>h</sup>. John Gilbert, late did Transport to y<sup>e</sup> Said Beekman, formerly Belonging to Arent vanden Bergh & to y<sup>e</sup> north y<sup>e</sup> Lotts of Luykas Gerritse, Hend: Lansingh, & Jan Byvank, to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> Lott: of omy La Grangie, & John Byvank, & to y<sup>e</sup> East y<sup>e</sup> Street,<sup>1</sup> being in Bredth towards the Street, (now Surveyed) Seven & Twenty, foot, & behinde Two Rod wanting three Inches; in len[g]th Six Rod as well on y<sup>e</sup> north Side as on y<sup>e</sup> South Side, as appears by y<sup>e</sup> Patent or ground Brieffe, graunted by y<sup>e</sup> Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, to y<sup>e</sup> Said Geertruy Vosburgh dated y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of Septemb: 1667, all w<sup>h</sup>. w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title off y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Geertruy Vosburgh is Transported to Johannes Beekman, his heirs and assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities and apper-

<sup>1</sup> North Pearl street.

tenances, whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Lott of ground is Belonging, together w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular, Deeds, Evidences and writeings, touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to Have And to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece of ground and Premises, w<sup>th</sup>. there and every of there appertences unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Beekman, his heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns, & in his quiet and Peaceable Possession & Seizin, against all Persones to warrant, & for ever by these Presents defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Geertruy Vosburgh hath hereunto Sett her hand & Seale in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>. day of novemb in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second, king of England Scotland France & Irland, Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith, annoq. Dom: 1685

Was Signed w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> mark of GEERTRUY VOS-  
BURGH w<sup>th</sup>. a × (L:S:)

Sealed & deliverd in y<sup>e</sup> Presence  
of

*Isaak V[er]plank*  
*Lutrence van Ale*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

**Deed from Pieter Davidsen Schuyler and his wife to Bastiaen Harmensen for a lot in Albany on the north side of Jonker street**

[305] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall come Pieter Davidtse Schuyler of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany merchant, and Alida his wife Sendeth greeting, in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of fifty good merchandable Bevers to them in hand paid at and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Bastian Harmense of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany Carpenter, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowlege, and thereof, and of every part and Parcell thereof, doe fully cleerly and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Bastiaen Harmense, his heirs, Executors, and Administrators for ever, and therewith doth acknowlege themselves, to be fully paid, Contented and Satisfyed and have therefore, Graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, doe fully cleerly, and absolutely, graunt, Bargain Sell, alien, Enfoeffe and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Bastiaen Harmense all that Certain Lott of ground, Lyeing and Being within y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany, boundeing to y<sup>e</sup> East y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott of Jan Janse Ouderkerk, to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott of Jeronimus Wen-

del, to y<sup>e</sup> north y<sup>e</sup> Lott of Hendrik Rooseboom, and to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Younkher Streett, is in bredth towards y<sup>e</sup> Street one Rod and nine foot, in which is Reekond y<sup>e</sup> half or moyety of y<sup>e</sup> Common Lane between y<sup>e</sup> Lott whereon y<sup>e</sup> Said Bastiaen Harmense hath built a new House, and y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott of Jeronimus Wendel, and behinde one Rod ten foot and a Half, is in Len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> East and west Sides. Six Rod wanting three inches, w<sup>h</sup>, said Lott, w<sup>th</sup>, y<sup>e</sup> House y<sup>t</sup>. Stood thereon, which was Burnt in y<sup>e</sup> Last fire was Transported to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Pieter Davidtse Shuyler, by Ludovicus Cobes, on y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>. day of August 1680, as by said Transport doth appear, all which with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title, of y<sup>e</sup> Said Pieter Davidtse Schuyler and Alida his wife is Transported, to y<sup>e</sup> Said Bastiaen Harmense and his heirs and Assigns for ever, w<sup>th</sup>, all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott of ground and Premises, w<sup>th</sup>, there and every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Bastiaen Harmense his heirs & assigns, and in there quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by these Presents defend, in wittenesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Pieter Davidtse Shuyler and Alida his wife have hereunto Sett there hands and Sealls in Albany y<sup>e</sup> three and Twentieth day of decemb in y<sup>e</sup> first year of his Maj Reign annoq. Dom: 1685

Was Signed

PIETER DAVIDTSE SCHUYLER (L:S:)

ALIDA SCHUYLER (L:S:)

Sealed and Deliverd

in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Hend: Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Robt. Livingston* Cl.

**Mortgage of a house and lot without the north gate of Albany  
from Adriaen Appel, schoolmaster, to Mrs Judith Stuyvesant,  
widow of Petrus Stuyvesant**

[306] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall come Adriaen Appel of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany Shoolmaster, sendeth Greeting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Adriaen Appel for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of five hundred and fifteen gilders Eighteen Stuyvers in Wampum, Currant money to him in hand paid att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and Delivery hereof, by M<sup>rs</sup>. Judith Stuyvesant wid<sup>w</sup>. and Reliet of y<sup>e</sup> former Dutch governour Petrus Stuyvesant, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof, he y<sup>e</sup> Said Adriaen Appel doth hereby acknowlege & Discharge y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>rs</sup>.

Judith Stuyvesant, her Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and Assigns; hath Granted Bargained, Sold, Mortgaged, assigned, & Sett over, and by these presents doth fully clearly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, Mortgage, assigne and Sett over, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>rs</sup>. Judith Stuyvesant, all that certain house or Tenement w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Ground thereunto Belonging, Scituate Lyeing and Being, without y<sup>e</sup> north gate of Albany, bounded to y<sup>e</sup> South by y<sup>e</sup> Tounes Stockadoes, or fence, to y<sup>e</sup> north Jan Janse Noorman, to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> widow off Jochim Wessells, Becker,<sup>1</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> East y<sup>e</sup> River, Containeing in len[g]th & in bredth as itt is Inclosed w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> fence, together w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Cellers, Sollers, Chambers, Houses, outhouses, Buildings, Yards, Backsides, ways, Passages, waters, water Courses, Lights, Easements, Profites, Commodities, and advantages, whatsoever, to y<sup>e</sup> Said dwelling House and ground belonging, or in any ways appertaineing, and all y<sup>e</sup> Estate Right, title, Property, Clayme, and Demaund, of him y<sup>e</sup> Said Adriaen Appel, off in & to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have And to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said Dwelling, House or Tenement & ground and all and Singular other y<sup>e</sup> Premises with there and Every of there appertenanances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Stuyvesant Her Heirs and Assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and Proper use Benefit and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>rs</sup>. Judith Stuyvesant her Heirs and Assigns for ever, Provided always, and itt is hereby Declared, to be the true Intent, and meaning of these p<sup>rs</sup>ents y<sup>t</sup>. in Case y<sup>e</sup> Said Adriaen Appel, or his Sommes Johannes and William Appel. His or there Executors Administrators or Assigns or Either of y<sup>m</sup>., shall and doe well and truly Pay or cause to be paid unto y<sup>e</sup> above named M<sup>rs</sup>. Judith Stuyvesant, her Heirs Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. or Assigns, or one of y<sup>m</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Somme of five hundred & fifteen Guilders in wampum & Eighteen Stuyvers, (or Silver money Equivelent y<sup>e</sup> Ryall Reckond to thirty Stuyvers in y<sup>e</sup> Space of five years next Ensueing, y<sup>t</sup>. is to Say att or upon y<sup>e</sup> first day of August 1686 one hundred Gild<sup>rs</sup>. wampum on y<sup>e</sup> first of August 1687 y<sup>e</sup> Second hundr: Gild: and year after year on y<sup>e</sup> first of August one hundred gild: & y<sup>e</sup> Last Payment on y<sup>e</sup> first of August 1690 one hundred and fifteen gild<sup>rs</sup>. Eighteen Stuyvers, & y<sup>t</sup>. att N: York or Albany, without fraud, Covin or further delay then y<sup>e</sup> time limited above: (Al which said Somme of money doth arise from y<sup>e</sup> Contents of and old Dutch mortgage, dated y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> of May 1671 w<sup>h</sup>. by Act of assembly<sup>2</sup> are obliged to be Renewed after y<sup>e</sup> English form of mortgages,) then this Present Bargain and Sale, and Every Clause and article therein

<sup>1</sup> Meaning: baker.

<sup>2</sup> Act passed October 20, 1684. See preface.

Conteined is to be utterly void, null & off none Effect, Else to be and Remain, in full force and vertue. In witness whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Adriaen Appel, Hath Hereunto Sett His Hand & Seale in Albany this 8<sup>th</sup>. day of January in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord, James y<sup>e</sup> Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France & Irland king, defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith, annoq. Dom: 1687.

Was Signd

A: APPELL (L:S:)

Sealed & Deliverd to Rich<sup>d</sup>.

Pretty attorney of M<sup>rs</sup>. Stuyvesant  
for y<sup>e</sup> behoof of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Stuyvesant  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of *Hend: Coyler* Justice  
of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Jan Bycrank. Johannes Appel*  
*Robt. Livingston* Cl.

**Deed from Dorothea, widow of Capt. Volkert Jansen Douw, and his son Jonas Volkertsen Douw to Jacob Jansen Gardenier for one-half of Schotak island and the mainland appertaining thereto**

[307] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall Come Doritee y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Volkert Janse Dow deceased, and Jonas Volkertse eldest Sonne of y<sup>e</sup> Said Cap<sup>t</sup>. Volkert Jansz Dow, both of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany, sendeth Greeting, in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee, that for and in Consideration of a negroe Boy called Christiaen, and y<sup>e</sup> Somme of fifty Bevers to them in Hand paid, before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and Delivery Hereof, by Jacob Janse Gardenier, the Receit whereof, they doe hereby acknowlege, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doe fully cleerly, and absolutely acquitt, Exonerate, and Discharge, Him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jaccob Janse Gardenier His Executors, administrators and Assigns, for ever, and therewith doe acknowlege themselves, to be fully Paid Contented and Satisfyed, and Have therefore graunted Bargained, Sold, Aliened, Enfoeffed and Confirmed, and by these Presents doe fully, cleerly, and absolutely, graunt Bargain Sell, alien, Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob Janse Gardenier, a Certain farm or Bowery, Lyeing on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of Hudsons River, being the Half or moyety of y<sup>e</sup> Island called Schotak, which Said Moyety Lyes towards the River Side, and y<sup>e</sup> Half

of y<sup>e</sup> Land Lyeing on y<sup>e</sup> Main over against Said Island, according to y<sup>e</sup> Division made between Volkert Janse & Jan Thomese, Except y<sup>e</sup> Small Peece of Land on y<sup>e</sup> Main that Jan Lawrence bought of Volkert Janse deceased; Together with all that y<sup>e</sup> Said Volkert Janse Dow deceas'd ever did owne there and in Propriety did Possesse, according to y<sup>e</sup> Patent, graunted by y<sup>e</sup> Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Richard Nicolls, to Volkert Janse & Jan Thomase, for y<sup>e</sup> whole, dated y<sup>e</sup> fourth day of May 1667, all which with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said Doritee & Jonas Volkertse is Transported to Jacob Jansz Gardenier, His Heirs and Assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Bowery half Island and on y<sup>e</sup> Tract of Land on y<sup>e</sup> Main lyeing over against itt. Together with all and Singular, deeds Evidences and Writeings, touching and Confirming the Premises, only or any Part thereof, to Have and to Hold [308] y<sup>e</sup> Said Farme or Bowery Half of y<sup>e</sup> Island Scotak, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> title and Right y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Volkert Janse Had on y<sup>e</sup> main & to y<sup>e</sup> Premises, (Except that of Jan Lawrence) and all y<sup>e</sup> Land thereunto Belonging, w<sup>th</sup>. there and every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob Janse Gardenier, His Heirs, Executors Ad<sup>r</sup>s. and Assigns, & in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for every by these Presents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Doritee and Jonas Volkertse Have Hereunto Sett there Hands & Seals in Albany this Six and Twentieth day of January in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, king of England, Scotland, France and Irland, Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom: 1688.

Was Signed

DORATHE VOLKERS (L:S:)

JONAS VOLKERTSE DOW: (L:S:)

Sealed & Deliverd

in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Levinus van Schayk* Justice of Peace

*Dirk Teunise*

*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston* Cl.

**Deed from Jan Caspersen Halenbeck and his wife to Jan Hendricksen Vrooman for land on the Normans kill**

To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall Come Jan Casperse<sup>1</sup> and Rachell his wife of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany,

<sup>1</sup> Jan Caspersen Halenbeck. His wife was Rachel Willemse.



Sendeth Greeting in our Lord God everlasting, know y<sup>e</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Eight & forty Pounds Currant money of this Province, to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Casperse in Hand paid; att and before <sup>1</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and Delivery hereof, by Jan Hendriks Vrooman, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof they doe Hereby acknowlege, and thereof, and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully cleerly and absolutely, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Hendriks Vrooman, His Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and Assigns for ever, and therewith doth acknowlege themselves, to be fully paid Contended and Satisfyed, and Have therefore, Graunted, Bargained, Sold, Aliened, [309] Enfoeffed and Confirmed and by these Presents doth fully cleerly and absolutely, Graunt Bargain, Sell, alien Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Hendrikse Vrooman a Certain Parcell of Land lyeing upon y<sup>e</sup> Normans Kill where Omy La Grangie now Dwells, y<sup>e</sup> Clear Land Consisting in three Small flats or Plains, the one being where y<sup>e</sup> Said Omyes House Stands upon, called y<sup>e</sup> Land by y<sup>e</sup> Cley Cuyl,<sup>2</sup> y<sup>e</sup> oy<sup>r</sup>. Lyeing over y<sup>e</sup> Creek opposite to Symon Volkertse Door, and y<sup>e</sup> third below y<sup>e</sup> first Plain called y<sup>e</sup> Mayes Land, together w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right, Title and Property y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Casperse Hath there, being the half of all y<sup>e</sup> Land, lyeing upon y<sup>e</sup> Normans kill, Comprehended in y<sup>e</sup> Patent of Jan Hendrikse Van Baal, Except four morgen bow Land <sup>3</sup> y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said van Bael did Reserve for himself, which Said Half of said Land was Transported to y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Casperse, by Johannes Provoost Trustee of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Hend: Willemse deceased. dated y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. day of March 168<sup>3</sup>; all which with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said John Casperse and Rachell his wife is Transported to John Hendrikse Vrooman His Heirs and Assigns, with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities, and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract of Land is Belonging, together w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular, deeds, Evidences & Writeings, touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to Have & to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. farme or Bowery, and y<sup>e</sup> Land thereunto belonging, with there and every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Hendrikse Vrooman, His Heirs Executors Administrateurs and assigns, & in His quiet and Peaceable Possession & Seizin against all Persones to warrant and for ever by these Presents to warrant, & for ever by these Presents Defend, in wittenesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Casperse, & Rachel His wife, have hereunto Sett y<sup>r</sup>. Hands and Sealls in Alb: this 31<sup>th</sup>. day of January in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The record has: "and att Before."

<sup>2</sup> Literally: "Clay Pit."

<sup>3</sup> Dutch: *bouw land*, meaning "arable land."

Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God king of Engl: Scotland, francee & Irland Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom: 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

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was Signd w<sup>t</sup>. JOHN × CASPERSE  
mark

Sealed and Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston* Cl.

**Jacobus Meesen Vrooman and his wife to Josias Teunissen Swart for part of farm no. 10 at Schenectady**

[310] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come Jacobus Meese Vrooman, & Elisabeth<sup>1</sup> his wife of y<sup>e</sup> toune and County of Albany, sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee that for and in Consideration, of diverse Services done by Josias Teunise Swart, Sonne of Teunis Cornelise and Elisabeth afores<sup>d</sup>. for his father and Mother, Particularly a years Service to his Said Mother, after y<sup>e</sup> death of his father, whilst, shee was wid<sup>w</sup>. before her Remariage to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacobus Meese Vrooman, and diverse other Considerations which y<sup>e</sup> Partyes afores<sup>d</sup>. doe hereby acknowlege, and doe therefore fully and cleerly and absolutely, acquit, Exonerate, and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Josias Teunise Swart, his Executors, Adm<sup>r</sup>s. and assigns, for ever, and with y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Services & oyr. Considerations, doe acknowlege themselves, to be fully paid Contented and Satisfyed, and have therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed and Confirmed and by these Presents doe fully, cleerly, and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Josias Teunise Swart, a Certain Peece of Land Lyeing at Shinnechtady, containing about Eight acres, or four morgan, bounded to y<sup>e</sup> South by y<sup>e</sup> hills, & to y<sup>e</sup> west by Symen Volkertse, to y<sup>e</sup> north Claes Lawrence Purmerent and to y<sup>e</sup> east a low Place of ground, wh<sup>b</sup>. formerly hes been a Swamp adjoyning to y<sup>e</sup> Pasture of y<sup>e</sup> Said Claes Lawrence Purmerent: being Part and Parcell of y<sup>e</sup> farme or Bowery, markt with N<sup>o</sup>. 10<sup>2</sup> wh<sup>b</sup>. by y<sup>e</sup> Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls was graunted and Confirmed to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Teunis Cornelise, as by y<sup>e</sup> Patent beareing date y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>. day of January A<sup>o</sup>. Dom: 1667 at Large doth appeare, all wh<sup>b</sup>. with all y<sup>e</sup> Right & Title of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacobus Meese Vrooman

<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth van der Linde; see Munsell's *Collections*, 4:170.

And Elisabeth his wife, Late wid<sup>w</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Josias Teunise Swart, his Heirs and Assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profits Commoditeys and appertenance, whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Peece of Land is belonging to Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Peece of Land, w<sup>th</sup>. there and every of y<sup>e</sup>. appertenance unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Josias Teunise Swart, his Heirs Exec: Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns, and in his quiet Peaceable Possession and Seizin, against all Persones to warrant and for ever by these p<sup>r</sup>sents defend, in witness whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacobus Meese Vrooman and Elisabeth his wife have hereunto Sett there hands and Sealls in Albany this three and Twentieth day off february in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, king of England, Scotland, France and Irland defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. dom: 168<sup>8</sup><sub>8</sub>.

Was Signd.

JACOBUS MEESE VROOMAN (L:S:)

LYSBETH VROOMAN (L:S:)

Sealed & Deliverd

in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Robt. Sanders* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Robt. Livingston* Cl.

**Deed from Harmen Gansevoort and his wife to William Loveridge for a farm at Catskill formerly belonging to Jan Andriesen the Irishman**

[311] To all Christian People to whom this present writeing shall Come: Harme Gansefort of y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany Brewer, and Mary his wife, sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee that for and in Consideration of the Somme of Two hundred good and merchandable Bevers to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort Paid in manner following, before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge of Cattskill in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman, the Receipt whereof, they doe hereby acknowledge, and thereof, and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doe fully cleerly and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate, and Discharge, him y<sup>e</sup> Said W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge his Ex<sup>rs</sup>. Administrators and assigns for ever, and therewith doe acknowledge themselves, to be fully paid, Contended and Satisfyed, and have therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, Transported and Confirmed; and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents doe graunt Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, Transport and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge, all y<sup>t</sup>. farm or Bowery w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> messuage, or Dwelling

<sup>2</sup> See *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 67-68, where the date of the patent is by mistake given as January 16, 1667.

house and Barn, Lyeing and being on y<sup>e</sup> west Side of Hudsons River att Catskill near y<sup>e</sup> mouth of said kill or Creek; where y<sup>e</sup> Said Loveridge now Dwells; which Said Land was Purchased joyntly by y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort, and Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff, off Jan Andriese y<sup>e</sup> Yrishman; who married the wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Pr. Teunise van Bronswyck, as appears by the Patent, graunted by the Late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort and Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff dated y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. day of may 1667 whereto Reference is to be had, and Whereas y<sup>e</sup> Said Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff in his Life time, was indebted a Considerable Somme off money unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort, as may appear by y<sup>e</sup> Records of this Toune, for the Satisfyeing whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff, did Sell, Alien, and Release unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort, his Half or moyety, share & Portion of y<sup>e</sup> Land and itt's appertenance, mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> Patent afores<sup>d</sup>., whereby y<sup>e</sup> said Harme Gansefort, became Possessed of y<sup>e</sup> whole Tract or Parcell of Land farm or Bowery att Catskill afores<sup>d</sup>., which said farm or [312] Bowery, y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort, did Sell unto John Conell deceased, upon Condition y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Conell was to pay him y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort, y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Two hundred Merchandable Bevers, as may appear by the Bargain or Sale upon Record y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. day of April 1678, and the Said John Conell nott being able to Perform y<sup>e</sup> Said Bargain, did agree and Covenant w<sup>t</sup>. Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge deceased of Catskill in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany feltmaker, y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Loveridge, Should have all his Right and Title, to y<sup>e</sup> Said farm upon Condition he paid y<sup>e</sup> Said Gansefort y<sup>e</sup> Somme of money; which he was owing for y<sup>e</sup> Land afores<sup>d</sup>., and Somme other Consideration; as appears by there aggreement and Covenant upon Record dated y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1680, w<sup>h</sup>. Said Somme of money was in part Satisfyed by W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge feltmaker in his lifetime and the Remainder, now by his Sonne and heir, W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge off Catskill in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany, Yeoman, in Consideration whereof, y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Gansefort and Mary His wife doe for them and there Heirs, Confirm and Transport, unto y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge, his heirs and Assigns, all there Right Title and Intrest, which they have and ever had to y<sup>e</sup> fores<sup>d</sup>. farm or Bowery; together w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right, title & Prop<sup>r</sup>ty, that y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Eldert Gerbertse Cruyff ever had to y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup>. farm or Bowery formerly, belonging to Jan Andriese y<sup>e</sup> Yrishman; w<sup>t</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profitts Commodities, and appertenance whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. farme or Bowery belonging, together w<sup>t</sup>. all and Singular, deeds, Evidences, & writeings, touching



Vice Ad<sup>l</sup>. under His Maj: of N: York & its dependencies in America, as by y<sup>e</sup> Lycense dated y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>. day of Ap<sup>l</sup>. last att large doth appear, w<sup>h</sup>. Said Land is bounded to y<sup>e</sup> north by the Land of W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge to y<sup>e</sup> South a kill or Creek called Canasenix, to y<sup>e</sup> East on y<sup>e</sup> River in y<sup>e</sup> great Imbogt where y<sup>e</sup> Said W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge leaves off, called by y<sup>e</sup> Indians, Pesquanachqua, & to y<sup>e</sup> Westward a Place by y<sup>e</sup> Indians Called Quachanock, y<sup>e</sup> Said [314] Land lyes along y<sup>e</sup> Said Caters kill, Consisting in four or five flats or Plains, w<sup>t</sup>. a hazell nutt Plain, and a mash, & is to beginn at y<sup>e</sup> bounds of W<sup>m</sup>. Loveridge afores<sup>d</sup>. & Soe to goe up the Creek & is to Contain three hundred acres or one Hundred & fifty Morgen altogether, Together w<sup>t</sup>. all our Right, Title & Intrest, in all y<sup>e</sup> woods, Lands, Pastures, meadows, marches, Creeks, kills, Rivelets, Trees, Timber, w<sup>t</sup>. all oy<sup>r</sup>. Commodities, Emulements, & Conveniencies, thereunto appertaining and Belonging to Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Three hundred acres of Land Described as above, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob Lokermans his heirs & assigns for ever, & in y<sup>e</sup> Quiett Possession and Seizin of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob Lokermans his heirs & assigns for Ever To warrant & maintain, both from Christians & Indians, wee doe hynde ourselfs & our heirs for Ever firmly by these Presents, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Indians Putt y<sup>r</sup>. hands & Seals in Alb: y<sup>e</sup> 20 of may in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>. year of His Maj: Reign An<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 1686

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*Jan Jansc Bleker* } Justices of y<sup>e</sup>  
*Robt. Sanders* } Peace

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 29 May 1686

**Deed from Robert Sanders and his wife to Jan Nack for a house  
and lot on Rumm street (Maiden Lane)**

[315] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing Shall come, Robt. Sanderse of y<sup>e</sup> Toune & County of Alb. merch<sup>t</sup>. & Elsie his wife Sendeth greeting, in our Lord God Everlasting know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration, of y<sup>e</sup> Sonme of Two & fifty good and merchandable Bevers, to him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Robt. Sanders in hand paid att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof, by Jan Nack of y<sup>e</sup> Toune & County of Albany Trader, the Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge, and y<sup>r</sup>.of and of Every Part & Parcell

thereof doe fully cleerly & absolutely, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Nack, his Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. & Assigns for ever, & therew<sup>t</sup>. doe acknowledge themselves to be fully Paid Contented & Satisfyed, and have therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold, Alliened, Enfoeffed & Confirmed, & by these presents, doe fully cleerly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Nack, all y<sup>t</sup>. certain messuage, Tenement or dwelling house w<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Ground thereunto belonging, Scituate lyeing & being w<sup>t</sup>. in y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany afores<sup>d</sup>. Towards y<sup>e</sup> Hill, in y<sup>e</sup> Street Commonly knowne by y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> Rumm Street,<sup>1</sup> having to y<sup>e</sup> East, Ger<sup>t</sup>. Lansing, to y<sup>e</sup> west & north John Lansing, & to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Street, Containing in bredth Towards the Street Sixteen foot & four Inches, & behinde thirteen foot and Seven Inches, & in len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> East & west Side three Rod & Eleven foot, Together w<sup>t</sup>. all & Singular, y<sup>e</sup> Sellers, Sollers, Chambers, houses, out-houses, buildings, Yards, backsides, ways, Passages, waters, water-courses, Lights, Easements, Profites, Commodities & advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. house & ground belonging, or in any way appertaineing, and all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Right, Title Property, Claim & Demand of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders and Elsie His wife, off in & to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have & to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Messuage, Tenement, or Dwelling house and ground, and all and Singular other the Premises, w<sup>t</sup>. there and Every of there appertenances, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Nack, his heirs, Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. & assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole & only Proper, Benefite, & behoeffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Nack his heirs & assigns for Ever, & in his quiet & Peaceable Possession & Seizin against all Persones to warrant, & for Every by these p<sup>r</sup>sents defend, in wittnesse whereof, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders & Elsie his wife have hereunto Sett y<sup>r</sup>. hands & Seals, in Albany this four & Twentieth day of April in y<sup>e</sup> Second [316] Year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord, James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, off Engl: Scotland, France & Irland king defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith Anoq. dom. 1686 NB y<sup>e</sup> Transp<sup>t</sup>. w<sup>h</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders had of Hend: Coster to whom y<sup>e</sup> whole Lott n<sup>o</sup>. 12 did appertain whereof this a part is dated y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> day of octob. 1669<sup>2</sup> & mentions but y<sup>e</sup> bredth Towards y<sup>e</sup> Street, fourteen feet & one Inch, & behinde Twelf foot & three Inches, but y<sup>e</sup> Said Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders did afterwards Purchase of Hend Coster y<sup>e</sup> Lane y<sup>t</sup>. was

<sup>1</sup>The same as Rom street, now Maiden Lane. See Munsell's *Collections*, 4:216.

<sup>2</sup>See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:461. See also fragment of deed from the commissaries of Albany to Goosen Gerritsen for the behoof of Hendrick Coster, on page 434 of same volume.

between y<sup>e</sup> 2 houses & So y<sup>e</sup> bredth became to be Sixteen foot & four Inches before; & behinde thirteen foot five inches

Was Signed ROBT. SANDERS (S)  
& wt. y<sup>e</sup> mark of ELSIE his wife (S)  
being a +

Scaled & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Clas Willemse*  
*Robt. Livingston Cl.*

On y<sup>e</sup> back Side was writt as follows  
Acknowledged before me by Robt.  
Sanders & Elsie His wife in  
Alb: y<sup>e</sup> 27 day of April 1686  
Jan Jansz Bleeker Justice of y<sup>e</sup>  
Peece

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. of June  
1686

**Deed from Johan Frese (de Vries) to Mrs Margaret Schuyler  
for a house and lot in Albany**

To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall Come Johan Frese of y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany merchant sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee that y<sup>e</sup> Said Johan frese for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Two hundred and five good and merchandable Bever Skins to him in hand paid at and before y<sup>e</sup> Sealeing and delivery hereof by M<sup>rs</sup>. Margarett Wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Phil: Schuyler deceased, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Johan frese doth hereby acknowlege, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth hereby fully, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>rs</sup>. Margrett Schuyler her Executors Administrators and Assigns [317] for ever, and therewith doth acknowlege himself to be fully paid contented, and Satisfyed, and hath therefore Graunted Bargained, Sold, Aliened, Released, Enfoeffed and Confirmed, and by these Presents doe fully, cleerly, and absolutely, Graunt Bargain, Sell, alien, Release, Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Margaret Schuyler, all y<sup>t</sup>. Certain messuage, Tenement or Dwelling house with y<sup>e</sup> Ground thereunto Belonging Scituate Lyeing and Being within y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany afores<sup>d</sup>. towards y<sup>e</sup> hills, bounding to y<sup>e</sup> east a Peece of ground belonging to John Cloett, to y<sup>e</sup> west the High Street to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> house of Johannes Wendel which he bought of John Cloet afores<sup>d</sup>. and to the north y<sup>e</sup> house



and Lott of Marte Cregier, w<sup>h</sup>. said house and Lott contains in bredth towards y<sup>e</sup> Street, Sixteen foot and one Inch wood measure, keeping y<sup>e</sup> Same bredth behinde, & is in len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> South & north side one hundred Eight and Twenty foot wood measure, as also a free drop on both Sides of y<sup>e</sup> house, Except att y<sup>e</sup> Street on y<sup>e</sup> Side off Marte Cregiers house, and that y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Margrett Schuyler her heirs and assigns may freely without any Interruption, Repair and mend her Rioole<sup>1</sup> or gutter, that comes from her Seller, and Runns throw y<sup>e</sup> Gardin off Johannes Wendel, formerly belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Cloet, who Sold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. house on this Condition together w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular, y<sup>e</sup> Sellers, Sollers, Chambers, Houses, outhouses, buildings, Yards, Backsides, ways, passages, waters, water Courses, Lights, easements, Profites, Commodities and advantages, whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said house and ground belonging or in any ways appertaining together, w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular, deeds, Evidences, & writings, touching & Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to Have and to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said, messuage, Tenement or Dwelling house, and ground, and all and Singular other y<sup>e</sup> Premises, w<sup>th</sup>. there and every of there appertences unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Margaret Schuyler, her heirs, Executors, Admin<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper benefit and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>rs</sup>. Margrett Schuyler her heirs and Assigns for ever, and in her quiet and Peaceable Possession, and Seizin against all Persones to warrant & for ever by these Presents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said John frese, hath hereunto Sett his hand and Seale, in Albany, this Eleventh day of June in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, of England, Scotland France & Irland king Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith, annoq. Dom: 1686 The former transports of Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Cloet, bear date y<sup>e</sup> 27 of march 1680 & afterwards an addition of 30 foot dated y<sup>e</sup> 14 Novemb: 1681, & y<sup>e</sup> transport of John Cloett y<sup>e</sup> heir of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Cloet dated y<sup>e</sup> 21 of feb. 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ , all upon Record for y<sup>e</sup> behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johan freese.

Was Signd.      JOHAN FRESE      (1:5)

Sealed & deliverd in  
y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
*Johannes Cloet*  
*R. Livingston Cl.*

Acknowledged before me, by Johan freese merch<sup>t</sup>. in  
Alb: y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>. day of June 1686  
JAN JANSZ BLEECKER Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

<sup>1</sup> *Riool* is the Dutch word for "sewer."

Deed from Johannes Clute to Mrs Margaret Schuyler for a piece  
of ground behind the house which Johan Frese (de Vries)  
sold to her

[318] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come, John Clout heir att Law of Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Cloet deceased of Canastagioene, in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany, Yeoman, and Bata His wife sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> quantity of Two and Twenty Bever Skins to him y<sup>e</sup> said John Cloet in hand Paid, at and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and delivery hereof, by M<sup>rs</sup>. Margrett Schuyler, Wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict off Cap<sup>t</sup>. Phill: Schuyler deceased, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said John Cloet doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth hereby fully, acquitt, Exonerate, and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Margrett Schuyler her Executors, Administrators and assigns, bath graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, & Confirmed, and by these Presents doth fully, cleerly and absolutely graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe & Confirme unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Margrett Schuyler, a Certain Peece of ground, Lyeing behinde y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott which John de Vries Sold to y<sup>e</sup> Said Mrs Margaret Schuyler, Lyeing between y<sup>e</sup> houses of Johannes Wendel & Marte Cregier, being in Breadth Sixteen foot & one inch wood measure, & in len[g]th, from y<sup>e</sup> said of M<sup>rs</sup>. Schuyler, to y<sup>e</sup> bak Lane, y<sup>t</sup>. is to y<sup>e</sup> Eastward thereof; Together with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Peece off Ground is Belonging, or in any ways appertaining, and all the Right, Title, Property, claime and Demaund of him y<sup>e</sup> Said John Cloet, off in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same, to Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece of ground, w<sup>th</sup>. there and Every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>rs</sup>. Margrett Schuyler her heirs and Assigns for Ever & in her quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin, against all Persones to warrant, & for ever by these Presents defend, in Wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Cloet, and Bata His wife have hereunto Sett y<sup>r</sup>. Hands & Sealls, in Albany, this Eleventh day of June in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of His Maj: Reign Anno: 1686

Was Signed

JOHANNES CLUT (1: S)

Sealed & Delivered in y<sup>e</sup>

Presence of

*Johan frese*

*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

Acknowledged before me by John

Clut in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 12 of June 1686

JAN JANSZ BLEEKER Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

**Deed from Johannes Provoost, attorney of Jeronimus Ebbingh,  
to Geertruy Bouts, widow of William Bout, for a house and  
lot on Jonker street at Albany**

[319] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come Johannes Provoost of y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany vendue master Lawfull attorney and Procurator to Jeronimus Ebbingh of y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Amsterdam merchant, as p<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Letter of attorney dated in Amsterdam y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>. day of January 1686: st: nov: more att Large doth appear, sends greeting in our Lord God, Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for a valuable Consideration paid by W<sup>m</sup>. Bout deceased to Mr. Jeronimus Ebbink when an Inhabitant of N: York & while he lived in this Country, y<sup>e</sup> Receit whereof is hereby acknowledgeg, and thereof and of every part and Parcell thereof doth fully cleerly acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge, Geertruy Bouts the Wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Bout, deceased, her Executors, Administrators and assigns, doth declare that there is Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed and Confirmed by Jeronimus Ebbink to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Bout, and he y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Provoost, hath Speciall Power to Transport y<sup>e</sup> Same, To witt a Certain House & Lott off Ground, Scituate, Lyeing and Being in y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany in y<sup>e</sup> Yonkheer Street, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> East Mr. John Becker's house, and to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott of Arnout Cornelise to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Creek or kill to y<sup>e</sup> North y<sup>e</sup> Street, Containeing in Len[g]th, Six Rod Eight foot and a half, & in Bredth, behinde towards y<sup>e</sup> Creek or kill, Eighteen foot and two Inches, & in Bredth towards y<sup>e</sup> High Street, nineteen foot all Rynlants measure Soo as it Lyes within y<sup>e</sup> fence, with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities, and advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. House and Lott of ground is belonging or any ways appertaineing, all y<sup>e</sup> Right Title, Property claime, & demaund of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jeronimus Ebbink, off in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece of ground and house with there and every of there appertences, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper Benefitt and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Geertruy Bouts, wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict, of y<sup>e</sup> Said W<sup>m</sup>. Bout, her heirs and Assigns for ever, & in her quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by these Presents Defend: in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Provoost hath hereunto Sett his hand and Scale in Albany

y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>. day of July in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of his Maj<sup>s</sup>. Reign, annoq.  
Dom: 1686

Sic Subscrib<sup>t</sup>.

JOHANNES PROVOOST (1:5)

Sealed and Delivered  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Jan Jansz Blecker*  
*Johannes Wendell*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

**Deed from Johannes Clute and his wife to Johannes Wendel for  
a house and lot in Albany**

[320] To all Christian People to whom this Present Writeing shall Come Johannes Clut & Bata his wife of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany. sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Two hundred and fifty good Merchandable Bevers, to him y<sup>e</sup> Said John Cloet in hand paid att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and Delivery hereof by M<sup>r</sup>. Johannes Wendel of y<sup>e</sup> Toune and County of Albany merchant, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowlege, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth full cleerly and absolutely, acquitt, exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Wendel, his Executors, administrators & assigns, for Ever, and therewith doe acknowlege themselves to be fully paid Contented and Satisfyed, & have therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, alliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these Presents, doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe & Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Johannes Wendel, all y<sup>t</sup>. Certain Messuage, Tenement, or dwelling house with y<sup>e</sup> Ground therunto Belonging, Scituate Lyeing and Being within y<sup>e</sup> Toune of Albany afores<sup>d</sup>. towards y<sup>e</sup> Hills, bounding to y<sup>e</sup> East y<sup>e</sup> waggon way, to y<sup>e</sup> West y<sup>e</sup> High Street, to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott of Jacob ten Eyk. & y<sup>e</sup> Lott of Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>., to y<sup>e</sup> north. y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott of M<sup>rs</sup>. Margarett Schuyler, and also a Peece of ground w<sup>h</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Cloet doth Reserve for himself, goeing doune as far, as where his Stable Stands on, keeping y<sup>e</sup> Same bredth of M<sup>rs</sup>. Schuylers house; & is in len[g]th and Breadth So as it Lyes in itts fence, y<sup>e</sup> Lane between S<sup>d</sup>. house and Jacob ten Eyck being common as farr as y<sup>e</sup> door or Entry into S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob ten Eyks yard, together w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular, y<sup>e</sup> Sellers, Sollers, Chambers, Houses, outhouses, buildeings, Yards, Backsides, ways, Passages, waters, water Courses, Lights, easements, Profites, Commodities

and advantages whatsoever, to y<sup>e</sup> Said House, and Ground belonging or in any wise appertaining, and all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Right, Title, Property, claim and demand of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Clut off in & to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Messuage, Tenement, and dwelling house ground, and all and Singular other y<sup>e</sup> Premises, w<sup>th</sup>. there and Every of there appertences unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Wendel. his heirs. Ex<sup>ts</sup>. ad<sup>ts</sup>. and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper Benefitt, and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Wendel his heirs and assigns for ever, & in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persons to Warrant and for every by these Presents defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Cloet and Bata his wife, have hereunto Sett y<sup>e</sup> Hands and Sealls in Albany this Seven and Twentieth day of July in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second king of Engi: Scotland, france and Irland Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom: 1685 NB. all y<sup>e</sup> deeds, Evidences & writings touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises are deliverd to y<sup>e</sup> Said Joh: Wendel

Sic Subscr:

Sealed and Deliverd	JOHANNES CLUT	(1:S)
in y <sup>e</sup> Presence of	BATA CLOUT	(1:S)
<i>Pieter Schuyler</i>		
<i>Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.</i>		

**Deed from Aeltje Doorn, late widow of Gerrit van Slichtenhorst, to Jacob Abrahamsen for a piece of ground in Albany on which said Abrahamsen built a small house**

[321] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall Come, Aeltje Late wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Slichtenhorst deceased, now wife to Aert Martense Doorn of y<sup>e</sup> County of Ulster Yeoman, sends Greeting in our Lord God, Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> quantity of fifteen Bevers to her y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Aeltje in hand paid att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and delivery hereof by M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Abrahamse of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany Cooper, y<sup>e</sup> Reccit whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Aeltje doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof, and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth hereby, fully, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob Abrahamse Cooper, his Executors, Administrators and assigns, hath graunted, Bargained, Sold, Aliened: Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these doth fully cleerly and absolutely Graunt, Bargain Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob Abrahamse Cooper, a Certain Peece of

ground, Lyeing and being within y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany, being bounded to y<sup>e</sup> East by y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob Abrahamse, to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> Lott in y<sup>e</sup> Tenure and occupation of Gysbert Marcellis, and Johannes Roos, to y<sup>e</sup> north by Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders, to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> Street, Containing in Breadth towards the Street fifteen foot wood measure, beginning a foot off from y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob Abrahamse house & behinde on y<sup>e</sup> north Side Seventien or Eighteen foot, & in Len[g]th y<sup>e</sup> whole Breadth of y<sup>e</sup> Lott, heretofore Belonging to Ger<sup>t</sup>. Slichtenhorst, & now in y<sup>e</sup> occupation of Gysbert Marcellis, and Johannes Roos afores<sup>d</sup>. as appears by y<sup>e</sup> Coopbrieff<sup>1</sup> made between y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Gerritt Slichtenhorst and Jacob Abrahamse dated y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>th</sup> of July 1673 on which Peece of ground y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob Abrahamse hath built a Little house, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profitcs, Commodities, & advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Peece of ground is Belonging, or in any ways appertaineing, and all y<sup>e</sup> Right, Title, Property, claim and Demand of her y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Aeltje Doorn, off in & to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Peece of Ground, w<sup>th</sup>. there and Every appertenances, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole & only Proper Benefitt and Behooff of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob Abrahamse Cooper his heirs and assigns for ever, & in his quiet and Peaceable Possession & Seizin against all Personcs to warrant, & for ever by these Presents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Aeltje Doorn hath hereunto Sett her hand and Seale in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>. of July 1686 & in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj<sup>s</sup>. Reign

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AELTJE DOORENS

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Dirk Wessells*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

**Deed from Jan Hendricksen Vrooman and his wife to Omy la Grange for land on the Normans kill**

[322] To all Christian People to whom this Present [writeing] shall come, Jan Hendrikse Vrooman, & Gessie his wife of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany sendeth Greeting in our Lord God, Everlasting, know yee that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of one hundred good, and merchandable Bever Skins, to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Hendrikse Vrooman in hand paid, att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and delivery hereof by Omy La Grangie of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany husbandman, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt

<sup>1</sup> Dutch term for a contract of sale.

whereof he doth hereby acknowlege, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Omy La Grangie his Executors, administrators, and Assigns, for ever, and therewith doth acknowlege himself, to be fully paid Contented and Satisfyed, and have therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed and by these Presents doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe & Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Omy La Grangie, a Certain Parcell of Land Lyeing upon y<sup>e</sup> Noormans kill, where y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Omy now Dwells the clear land consisting in three Small flats & Plains, y<sup>e</sup> one being where y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. omy's house Stands on called y<sup>e</sup> Land by y<sup>e</sup> Cley Cuyl, y<sup>e</sup> oy<sup>r</sup>. Lyeing over y<sup>e</sup> Creek opposite to Symon Volkertse's door & y<sup>e</sup> third below y<sup>e</sup> first Plain, calld, y<sup>e</sup> Mayes Land, together w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right, Title, and Property, y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Hendrikse Vrooman hath there, being y<sup>e</sup> half of all y<sup>e</sup> Land, Lyeing upon y<sup>e</sup> Normans kill Comprehended in y<sup>e</sup> Patent of Jan Hendrikse van Bael, Except four morgen Bowland, y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. van Bael did Reserve for himself, w<sup>h</sup>. said half of S<sup>d</sup>. Land was Transported to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Hendrikse Vrooman by Jan Casperse y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup>. day of January Last, all w<sup>h</sup>. with all y<sup>e</sup> Right & Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Hendrikse Vrooman and Geesie his wife, is Transported to Omy La Grangie, his heirs and Assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Tract of Land is Belonging, together w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular, deeds, Evidences, and writings, touching and Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only or any Part thereof, to Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. farme or Bowery and y<sup>e</sup> Land thereunto belonging w<sup>th</sup>. there and every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. omy La Grangie, his heirs and assigns for ever, & in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, & for ever by these Presents Defend, in Wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Hendrikse Vrooman & Geesie his wife hereunto Putt there hands and Sealls, in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. of Sep<sup>r</sup>. in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of his Maj: Reign An<sup>o</sup>. 1686

Sic Subscr: JAN HENDRICKSE VROOMAN (1:S)

Sealed & Delivered  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Johannes Wendel*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

**Deed from Johannes Rooseboom to John Vinnagen for a house  
and lot in Albany**

[323] To all Christian People to whom this p<sup>r</sup>esent writeing shall come Johannes Rooseboom of y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany Trader sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, Know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of fifty good and Merchandable Bever Skins to him y<sup>e</sup> Said Johannes Rooseboom paid before y<sup>e</sup> Sealeing and Delivery hereof, by John Vinnagen, of y<sup>e</sup> Said Citty Taylor, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowlege, and thereof, and of every Part and Parcelf thereof, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Vinnagen his heirs, Executors and Adm<sup>r</sup>s. for ever, and therewith doth acknowlege himself, to be fully, paid, Contented, & Satisfyed, & hath therefore graunted Bargained, Sold, Aliened, Enfoeffed and Confirmed, and by these Presents, dot[h] graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe and Confirm to y<sup>e</sup> Said John Vinnagen, a Certain house and Lott of ground, Scituate Lyeing, and being, here in y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> north and East, y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott of Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>. and to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> house of Arent Schuyler to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> High Street, Containing in Breadth towards y<sup>e</sup> Street ten foot and five inches, and behinde Eight foot and five inches, & in Len[g]th three Rod Eight and three Inches, all Rynland measures, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said house and Lott of ground belonging, or any ways appertaineing, Together w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right, Title, Property, claim and Demand of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Rooseboom off in & to y<sup>e</sup> Same, to Have and to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said house and Lott of ground and Premises, with there and every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Vinnagen: his heirs and Assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole & only Proper use and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Vinnagen, his heirs and assigns for ever, and in his quiett and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, & for ever by these Presents Defend, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Rooseboom hath hereunto Putt his hand & Seale in Albany this Eleventh day off Septemb. in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj: Reign Annoq. Dom: 1686

Sic Subscr:

JOHANNES ROOSEBOOM (1:S)

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence off  
*J<sup>s</sup> de Peyster*  
*Abraham Cuyler*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*



**Mortgage of a house, orchard and garden at Schenectady from Ludovicus Cobes to Johannes Wendel, with satisfaction of the mortgage**

[324] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come Ludovicus Cobes of y<sup>e</sup> village of Shinnechtady Gent: sendeth Greeting, Know yee that y<sup>e</sup> Said Ludovicus Cobes for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of five hundred and fourscore gild<sup>r</sup>. in Bev<sup>rs</sup>. to him in hand paid att and before y<sup>e</sup> Sealcng and delivery hereof, by Johannes Wendel Esq<sup>r</sup>. Alderman of this Citty, y<sup>e</sup> Receit whereof, y<sup>e</sup> Ludovicus Cobes doth hereby acknowlege, and thereof and off every part and Parcell thereof, doth hereby fully, acquitt Exonerate and Discharge, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Wendel, his Executors, administrators and assigns, hath therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold, Mortgaged, assigned and Sett over, and by these Presents, doth fully, cleerly and absolutely, Graunt, Bargain, Sell, Mortgage-assigne and Sett over, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Wendell, all y<sup>t</sup>. Certain Messuage, Tenement, or Dwelling House, w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Orchard and Gardin thereunto Belonging, wherein he now dwells, being Scituate Lyeing and Being within y<sup>e</sup> village of Shinnechtady, being a corner House, opposite to Ryer Shermerhoorn's haveing to y<sup>e</sup> west Symon Groot, to y<sup>e</sup> north y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott formerly in y<sup>e</sup> occupation of Mary y<sup>e</sup> Wid<sup>w</sup>. of John Peeke deceased, to y<sup>e</sup> South & y<sup>e</sup> East, y<sup>e</sup> High Street Soo as it Lyes inclosed in itts fence, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities, and advantages, whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. House and Ground Belonging, or in any wise appertaining, & all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Right, Title, Property, claim and Demannd, of him y<sup>e</sup> Said Ludovicus Cobes, off in & to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have & to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said Messuage Tenement or Dwelling house and ground, and all and Singular, y<sup>e</sup> Premises w<sup>th</sup>. there and Every of there Appertenuances, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Johannes Wendel his heirs and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole & only Proper use Benefite and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Wendel his heirs and assigns for ever, Provided always, & it is hereby declared, to be the true Intent and meaneing, of these Presents y<sup>t</sup>. in Case y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Ludovicus Cobes, his Executors, ad<sup>rs</sup>. or assigns, or either of them shall and doe well and truly Pay or cause to be paid unto y<sup>e</sup> above named Johannes Wendel, his heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns, or one of y<sup>m</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Somme of five hundred & fourscore gild<sup>rs</sup>. in Bevers, att Albany in y<sup>e</sup> Dwelling House of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Wendel on or before y<sup>e</sup> first day of April in y<sup>e</sup> Year of our Lord 1687, and y<sup>t</sup>. without fraud, Covin, or further delay, then this Present Bargain and Sale, and every clause and article

therein Contained, is to be utterly void, null and of none Effect, else to be and Remain in full force and vertue, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Ludovicus Cobes, hath hereunto Sett his hand and Seale in Albany this 24th day of Novemb: in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of his Maj: Reign: Annoq. dom: 1686

Sic Subscrib<sup>t</sup>.

LUDOVICUS COBES (L:S)

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Hond: Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
*Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston* Cl.

This first day of April 1687 Ryer Jacobse did bring y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup>. original morgage into y<sup>e</sup> office w<sup>th</sup>. Johannes Wendells Receit on y<sup>e</sup> back side of y<sup>e</sup> Same, w<sup>h</sup>. was in y<sup>e</sup> words: Ick ondergesz Bekenne tennemael voldaan & Betaelt te wesen van dese binnen geshreeven hypoteek van Reyer Jacobse Shermerhoorn, actum in albany den 1 ap<sup>l</sup>. A<sup>o</sup>. 1687

by my

JOHANNES WENDEL

Quod attestor

Ro: LIVINGSTON Sec.

**Deed from Pieter Bogardus and his wife to Catharine Glenna, widow of Jacob Sanders Glenn, for a house and lot in Albany**

[325] To all Christian People to whom this Present Writeing shall come Pieter Bogardus of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany Glasier declared heir at law of Jurian Jansz Groenwout late of Albany deceased, and Wyntie his wife sends Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting; know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> quantity of fourscore & Seven good Merchandable Bever Skins to him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Pieter Bogardus in hand Paid, att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and delivery hereof by Cathrine Glenn Wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Jacob Sanders Glenn, late of Albany Trader, y<sup>e</sup> Receit whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Pieter Bogardus doth hereby acknowlege, and off Every part and Parcell thereof, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquit Exonerate & discharge y<sup>e</sup> Said Catharina Glenn, her Execut<sup>rs</sup>. administrators and assigns hath, graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed and Confirmed and by these Presents, doth Graunt, Bargain Sell, alien, Enfoffe and Confirme unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cathrina Glenn, a Certain house and lott of ground, Lyeing and Being within y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany, towards y<sup>e</sup>

hills, being bounded to the north and East by Jan Jansz Bleeker, to y<sup>e</sup> South by omy La Grangie, by y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> High Street, y<sup>t</sup>. goes along y<sup>e</sup> Citty wall fronting towards y<sup>e</sup> fort, y<sup>e</sup> house haveing on both Sides a free Dropp, Containeing in len[g]th y<sup>e</sup> House and Lott together Eight & thirty foot and nine Inches wood measure on both sides, and in Breadth behinde as itt is att y<sup>e</sup> Street, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities & advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. House and Lott of ground belonging or in any ways appertaining; together w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right title Property, claim and Demand of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Pieter Bogardus and Wyntie his wife, heirs to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jurian Groenwont deceased off in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To have and to hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. House and Lott of ground and Premises w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. and Every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cathrine Glenn, her heirs and assigns for Ever, and in her quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant and for Ever by these Presents Defend; in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. P<sup>r</sup>. Bogardus and Wyntie his wife have hereunto Putt y<sup>r</sup>. Hands and Seals in Albany this first day of Septemb in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of his Maj: Reign Anno Dom: 1686

Was Signed

Sealed & Deliverd	PIETER BOGARDUS	(1:S)
in y <sup>e</sup> p <sup>r</sup> sence of	WEYNTIE BOGARDUS	(1:S)
<i>Johannes Wendel</i> alderman		
<i>Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston</i> Cl.		

**Deed from the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of Albany to Gerrit Swart for a garden on the Plain**

[326] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall Come, y<sup>e</sup> Mayor Aldermen & Commonality of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany Sendleth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for & in Consideration of diverse Services done by Gerritt Swart an ancient Inhabitant of this City which by y<sup>e</sup> Mayor Aldermen, & Commonality is acknowleged for full Payment and Satisfaction, & have therefore graunted, Bargained, aliened, Released, Enfoeffed & Confirmed, & by these Presents doe fully, cleerly and absolutely, Graunt, Bargain, alien, Release, Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Ger<sup>t</sup>. Swart a Certain Lott off ground for a garden Lyeing in y<sup>e</sup> Plain, behinde Marcellis Johnse fence, haveing y<sup>e</sup> High way to y<sup>e</sup> South, & y<sup>e</sup> Gardin off John Gow w<sup>h</sup>. is now in y<sup>e</sup> Tenure and occupation off Joseph Yetts on y<sup>e</sup> north Side, and y<sup>e</sup> Plain to y<sup>e</sup> westward Containeing to y<sup>e</sup> East along Marcellis Johnse his fence

four Rodd nine foot and a half, to y<sup>e</sup> east & west, four Rodd, all which with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonality to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott of ground is Transported to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Ger<sup>t</sup>. Swart his heirs and assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities and appertenances whatsoever unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Lott of ground or Gardin Belonging: To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> Said Lott of ground to y<sup>e</sup> Said Ger<sup>t</sup>. Swart his heirs and assigns for Ever, & in his quiet & Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, & for ever by these Presents to Defend, in wittnesse whereoff y<sup>e</sup> Mayor of y<sup>e</sup> Said Citty hath hereunto Sett his hand & Seale in Albany on y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. day of Novemb in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God of England Scotland france & Irland king Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith A<sup>o</sup> 1686

Was Signd

PIETER SCHUYLER Mayor

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Cl.*

Recorded in Albany this

14<sup>th</sup>. day of Decemb. 1686

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON Cl.

**Acknowledgment by Livinus van Schaick, attorney for the widow of Cornelis Steenwyck, of the satisfaction by Reynier Schaets of a mortgage given by Jan Verbeeck to Barent van Marle and held by said Steenwyck, and consequent cancelation of said mortgage**

[327] On this 7th day of February 168<sup>6</sup> came and appeared before the secretary of this city of Albany, Mr Livinus van Schaick, alderman of this city, attorney for Madam Margar<sup>ta</sup>. Steenwyck, executrix of the estate of her husband Cornelis Steenwyck, deceased, who exhibited a certain instrument signed by Jan Verbeeck, dated the 4th of July 1684, whereby he orders Reynier Schaets, who bought his house and lot, to pay to said Steenwyck the sum of sixteen beavers for the purpose of satisfying and fully discharging a certain mortgage executed by said Verbeeck to the behoof of one Barent van Marle and remaining in said Steenwyck's hands, he being holden on the payment of said sixteen beavers to deliver up said mortgage with a proper satisfaction and whereas said mortgage is for the present mislaid and nowhere to be found as said

executrix declares, therefore said Livinus van Schayk is authorized in the name of and for said executrix to appear here before the secretary and to have said mortgage canceled on the record and whereas said Van Shaik hereby acknowledges the receipt of the aforesaid sixteen beavers, therefore, by virtue of what is hereinbefore written, he hereby annuls, cancels and makes void the said mortgage with all the clauses that may be comprehended therein, releasing said Reynier Shaets, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns who bought said house and lot so mortgaged as above from all claims and demands which might in any way arise by virtue of said mortgage to the behoof of said Barent van Marle executed as hereinbefore stated. In witness whereof said Livinus van Shaik has hereto set his hand and seal in Albany on the day above written.

L. V. SCHAYK

In my presence,

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Cl.*

**Deed from Jannetje Powell to Jan Martensen for a vly or marsh at Kinderhook on the north side of Jan Martensen's farm**

[328] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come Jannetje Powell wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Thomas Powel deceased of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany Sendeth Greeting in our Lord, God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of five Bevers to her y<sup>e</sup> Said Jannetje in hand Paid att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Jan Martense of Kinderhook in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman, y<sup>e</sup> Recceit whereof shee doth hereby acknowlege, and thereof, and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully cleerly and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Martense his Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever, and therewith doth acknowlege, to be fully paid, Contented and Satisfyed, and hath therefore, Graunted, Bargained, Sold, Aliened, Enfoeffed, Released, and Confirmed, and by these Presents doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely: graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, Release and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Martense his heirs and Assigns, all y<sup>t</sup>. Vly or mash<sup>1</sup> Scituate Lyeing and Being att Kinderhook on y<sup>e</sup> north Side of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Martense's Bowery or farm, Containing by Estimation about Seventy or Eighty acres be itt more or Lesse, all which w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Dialectical expression for "marsh."

Jannetje Powell is Transported to y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Martense his heirs and Assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all the Profites, Commodities and Appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Vley or mash belonging or any ways appertaining, To Have and to Hold the Said Vley or Mash unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Martense his heirs and assigns unto the Proper use and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Martense his heirs and Assigns for Ever, and in his quiet & Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for Ever by these Presents Defend, In Wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Jannetje Powel, hath hereunto Sett her hand and Seall in Albany this five and Twentieth day of octob: in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord, James y<sup>e</sup> Second by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France & Irland King, Defender of the faith Annoq. Dom: 1686

Was Signed w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> mark of JANNETJE  
POWELL w<sup>th</sup>. a ☞

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Hend: Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston* Cl.

Recorded in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> day off feb. 168

**Deed from Johannes Clute and his wife to Jacob ten Eyck for a lot of ground in Albany on which said ten Eyck has built a house together with a small lot of ground on the back street**

[329] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall come Johann Cloet heir to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Johannes Cloet late of Canastagione in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman and Bata his wife, send Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of forty Bevers, to him in hand paid att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Jacob ten Eyck of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany Shoemaker the Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof doe fully, cleerly and absolutely, acquit Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> Said Jacob ten Eyck his Executors Administrators and assigns for ever, and therewith doe acknowledge themselves to be fully Paid Contented and Satisfyed, and have therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Enfoeffed, Transported, and Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents doth fully, cleerly and absolutely Graunt, Bargain Sell alien, Enfoeffe, Transport and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob ten Eyck a Certain Lott of ground, whereon y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob ten Eyck hath built his house, Scituate, lyeing and Being in Albany in y<sup>e</sup> Pearle Street, being bounded to y<sup>e</sup> north and East by y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott of Johan-

nes Wendel, to y<sup>e</sup> South by y<sup>e</sup> house of Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>. to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> high Street, Containing in bredth, as well towards y<sup>e</sup> Street as behinde one and Twenty foot, and in len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> north and South Sides one hundred and Sixteen foot wood measure, So as it lyes inclosed in its fence, as also the half or moyety of a Common Lane or gangh, between y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. house of Jacob ten Eyck, and the house of Johannes Wendel, which is Equally Common, for both y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. houses, Together w<sup>th</sup>. a Small Lott of Ground in y<sup>e</sup> Back Street, y<sup>t</sup>. leads from frans Jansz Pruyns to y<sup>e</sup> Tounes Stodkadoes, of five and Twenty foot in front, and fifteen foot in len[g]th, having to y<sup>e</sup> north y<sup>e</sup> Lott of Johannes Wendel afores<sup>d</sup>. and to y<sup>e</sup> South, and west Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>. Together w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities and advantages, whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. house and ground Belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Right Title, Property, Claim and Demand, of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Clut of in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same: To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Messuage, Tenement dwelling house, and Lotts of Ground, and all and Singular other y<sup>e</sup> Premises, w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. and Every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob ten Eyck his heirs and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper Benefite & behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob ten Eyck his heirs and assigns for ever, and y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Clut doth by these p<sup>r</sup>sents, Covenant Promise, and Engage, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott or Toft of ground and messuage or Tenement and Premises w<sup>th</sup>. there and Every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances, and Every Part and Parcell y<sup>r</sup>.of, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob ten Eyck, his heirs, Ex<sup>rs</sup>. A<sup>drs</sup>. and assigns in his and there quiet and Peaceable Possession for ever by or from any other graunt or Conveyance whatsoever made or to be made by y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Clut, In wittnesse whereof, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Clut and Bata his wife hath hereunto Sett y<sup>r</sup>. hands and Sealls in Albany the nineteenth day of february in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj: Reign Annoq. Dom: 168<sup>s</sup>.

Was Signed

JOHANNES CLUT (1:S)

BATA CLUT (1:S)

Sealed & deliverd

in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of

*Hend: Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Johannes Wendel* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON Cl.

on y<sup>e</sup> BackSide of S<sup>d</sup>. Conveyance was as follows

It is agreed upon between Jacob ten Eyck and John Clut within mentiond y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Lott behinde in y<sup>e</sup> Lane of five and Twenty foot

front and fifteen foot in len[g]th shall belong to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Johannes Wendel, and in lieu thereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jacob ten Eyck, hath y<sup>e</sup> half or moeity of y<sup>e</sup> land between him and Johannes Wendel as farr as it is now in its fence Actum in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>. day of march 168<sup>th</sup> §

Was signd Jacob ten Eyck Joh Cloute  
Recorded in Alb. y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>. of march 168<sup>th</sup> §

**Deed from Jan Becker and Pieter van Woggelum, attorneys of  
Cornelis Michielsen, to Andries Hansen for the great flat  
called Loonenburgh**

[330] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come John Becker and Pieter van Wuggelum attorneys and Procurators of Cornelis Michielse of y<sup>e</sup> City of N: York yeoman, send greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee, y<sup>e</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Six hundred & five and Twenty shepells, of good winter wheat to them y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. attorneys in hand paid; att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof, by Andries Hanse of y<sup>e</sup> Mannor of Renselaerswyk Yeoman, the Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowlege, and thereof, and of Every Part and Parcell thereof, doth fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquit, Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Andries Hanse, his Executors administrators and assigns for ever, and therewith doe acknowlege that y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis Michielse is fully Paid Contented and Satisfyed, and hath therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold aliened, Enfoeffed and Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents by virtue of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis Machielse, Procuration, doe fully, cleerly and absolutely, graunt Bargain sell, alien, Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. And<sup>r</sup>. Hanse, all his Right & Title, of y<sup>e</sup> great flatt or Plain called Loonenburgh<sup>2</sup> as also all his Propriety Eastward to y<sup>e</sup> Murtherers Creek, and Southward and Northward y<sup>e</sup> wood Land and oyl Land, to witt y<sup>e</sup> Sixth Part of all y<sup>e</sup> Land, according to y<sup>e</sup> Coop-brieff made, between y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis Machielse, and y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Andries Hanse by y<sup>e</sup> Notary Publike Adriaen van Ipendam, dated the 10<sup>th</sup>. day of octob. 1684<sup>2</sup> all w<sup>ch</sup>. is Transported, to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Andries Hanse his heirs and Assigns, w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities, and Appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Tract or Parcell of Land Belonging, or in any wise appertaining, To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Tract and Parcell of Land w<sup>ch</sup>. there and Every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Andries Hanse his heirs & assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> only use and

<sup>1</sup> A tract between the Catskill creek and the Murderers kill, covering part of the present town of Athens, N. Y.

<sup>2</sup> This contract of sale is in *Notarial Papers*, 2450c.



Proper behooffe of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Andreis Hanse his heirs and assigns for ever, and in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by there p<sup>r</sup>sents Defend, In wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Becker & Pieter van Wug-gelum Procurators for y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Cornelis Michielse under his hand & Seale, have hereunto Sett there hands and Seales in Albany this three and Twentieth day of octob. in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second, by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God king of England Scotland france & Irland Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith annoq. Dom: 1686

Was Signed

JAN BECKER (I:S)  
 PIETER WUGLEM (I:S)

Signed & Sealed & deliverd  
 in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>esence of  
*Albert Ryckman* Justice of Peace  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston* Cl.

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 26 M<sup>ch</sup> 1687

**Deed from Johannes Clute and his wife to Frans Jansen Pruyn for a lot on Brewers street, on which said Pruyn built a new house**

[331] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall come Johannes Clout of Canastagioene in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany yeoman, and Bata his wife Send greeting in our Lord God Everlasting; know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Two and Twenty Bevers to him in hand Paid, att & before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof, by frans Jansz Pruyn, of y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany Taylor, y<sup>e</sup> Receit whereof they doe hereby acknowledge and thereof, and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doe fully, cleerly, and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge, him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. frans Jansz Pruyn, his Executors, Administrators and assigns for ever, and therew<sup>th</sup>. doe acknowledge, themsel<sup>s</sup>, to be fully paid Contented and Satisfyed, & have therefore, graunted, Bargained, Sold, Aliened Enfoeffed, Transported & Confirmed, & by these p<sup>r</sup>sents, doth fully cleerly & absolutely, Graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, Transport, and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said frans Janss Pruyn; a Certain Lott of ground, whereon y<sup>e</sup> said frans Jansz Pruyn, hath built a new house, Scituate lyeing and Being, here in Albany in y<sup>e</sup> Brewers Street,<sup>1</sup> between, y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott of Jacob Lokerman, and y<sup>e</sup> Lott

<sup>1</sup> Broadway from State street north.

of Geurt Hendriks, haveing to y<sup>e</sup> East, y<sup>e</sup> high Street, & y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> Back Street, w<sup>h</sup>, goes from frans Jansz Pruyn to y<sup>e</sup> Tounes Stockadoes, Containeing in Bredth towards the Street Thirty foott & a half Rynlans measure, and behinde Two and Twenty foot nine Inches, is in len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> South Side Six Rod Seven foot & a half & on y<sup>e</sup> north Side y<sup>e</sup> Same len[g]th; Together w<sup>th</sup>, all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and advantages whatsoever; to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott of ground belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Right Title, Property, claim and Demand of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Clut off, in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same, and all Deeds, Evidences, and writings touching & Confirming y<sup>e</sup> Premises, only, To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. lott or Toft of ground, and all and Singular, oy<sup>r</sup>, y<sup>e</sup> Premises w<sup>th</sup>, there and Every of y<sup>r</sup>. appertenances, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. frans Jansz Pruyn his heirs and Assigns for ever; and y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Joh: Clut doth by these Presents Covenant, Promise and Engage y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott or toft of ground & Premises, w<sup>th</sup>, there and Every of there appertenances and Every Part and Parcell thereof unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. frans Jansz Pruyn, his heirs Executors, Ad<sup>r</sup>s. or assigns, in his and there quiet and Peaceable Possession for ever, by or from any oy<sup>r</sup>, graunt or Conveyance, whatsoever made or to be made by y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Clut, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Clut & Bata his wife have hereunto Sett y<sup>r</sup>. hands & Scalls in Albany, this nineteenth day of feb: in y<sup>e</sup> third year of his Maj: Reign annoq. dom 168<sup>6</sup>

Was Signd JOHANNES CLUT (1:S)  
BATA CLUT (1:S)

Scaled & deliverd in y<sup>e</sup>  
p<sup>r</sup>sence of

*Hend: Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Johannes Wendel* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace

Recorded in Alb. y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Mar<sup>t</sup>. 1687

**Mortgage of a house and lot at Albany from Leendert Philipzen to Johannes Cuyler, attorney of Isaac and Volkwyn Kip and Tousain Donus, merchants at Amsterdam**

[332] To all Christian People to whom this Present writeing shall come Leendert Phillipse of y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany Taylor, Sendeth Greeting; know yee y<sup>t</sup>. the S<sup>d</sup>. Leendert Phillipse for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Twelve hundred three & Twenty gilders, & Eight Stuyvers, in Bevers to him Deliverd, in Diverse goods and Merchandize by Jan Bastiaense van Gudsenhoove Deceased, in his lifetime factor for d'Heer Monnma merchant at Amsterdam, y<sup>e</sup>

Recit whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Leendert Phillipse doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth hereby, fully, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge, hath therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, Mortgaged, assigned & Sett over, and by these Presents, doth fully clearly and absolutely, graunt Bargain, Sell, Mortgage assigne and Sett over, unto Johannes Cuyler, Lawfull attorney to Isak & Volkuyne Kip, Brethren & Tousain Donus, Merch<sup>ts</sup>. @ Amsterdam, heirs to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Heer Momma, all y<sup>e</sup>. Certain Messuage, Tenement or Dwelling house, with y<sup>e</sup> Lott thereunto Belonging wherein he now Dwells; being Scituate Lyeing and Being, within the City of Albany on y<sup>e</sup> Brewers Street, between y<sup>e</sup> house of Albert Ryckman Alderman, & Eghbert Teunisse; Soe as it lyes inclosed in its fence; w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Profittes, Commodities and advantages, whatsoever, to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. house and ground Belonging or in any wise appertaining, and all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Right, Title, Property, Claim and Demaund of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Leendert Phillipse of in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same; To Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Messuage Tenement or Dwelling house, and ground, & all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Premises, with there and Every of there appertenance, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Johannes Cuyler or order, attorney to Isak & Volkuyne Kip and Tousain Donus, merchants at Amsterd<sup>m</sup>. heirs to y<sup>e</sup> Heer Momma Deceased, there Executors, Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and Assigns, for ever, Provided always & itt is hereby Declared, to be y<sup>e</sup> true Intent and meaning of these Presents y<sup>t</sup>. in Case y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Leendert Phillipse, his Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. or assigns or Either of y<sup>t</sup>., shall & will truly Pay or cause to be paid, unto y<sup>e</sup> above named Johannes Cuyler or order attorney to Isaak & Volkuyne Kip, and Tousain Donus, Merch<sup>ts</sup>. att Amsterdam heirs to y<sup>e</sup> Heer Momma, there heirs Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. or Assigns or one of them y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Somme of Twelve hundred Three & Twenty gilders Eight Stuyvers in Bevers, at Albany & y<sup>t</sup>. without fraud Covin or further Delay; Then this Present bargain & Sale; and Every clause and Article therein Contained, is to be utterly void, null and of none Effect, Else to be and Remain, in full force and vertue; in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Leendert Phillipse hath hereunto Sett his hand & Seale in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 15 day of July 1687 in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj: Reign 1687

y<sup>e</sup> words or order was Put in before Signing  
& Sealing

LEENDERT PHILLIPS (I: s.)

Sealed & Deliverd in y<sup>e</sup>  
p<sup>r</sup>esence of  
*D. Wessells* Justice of Peace  
*R: Livingston* Cl.

**Deed from Evert Wendel, junior, and his wife to Gerrit Hartenbergh for a house and lot in Albany**

[333] To all Christian People to whom this p<sup>r</sup>sent writing shall come Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany Trader, and Elisabeth his wife Send, Greeting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for & in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Seventy Two Pounds Currant money of this Province to him in hand paid, att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and Delivery hereof by Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh of y<sup>e</sup> Citty of N: York merchant, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt [w]here[of] he doth hereby acknowlege, and thereof, and of Every Part & Parcell thereof, doth freely & cleerly, Exonerate & Discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Gerrit Hartenbergh, his heirs Executors, ad<sup>r</sup>s. & assignus and Every of them for Ever by these Presents, he y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Evert Wendel hath graunted Bargained Sold, Released, Enfoeffed, Transported & Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents (by vertue of a Transport made unto him by P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler Esq<sup>r</sup>. Present mayor of this Citty dated the nineteenth day of february 168<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub>) doth graunt Bargain Sell, Release Enfoeffe, Transport & Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh, all y<sup>t</sup>. house and Lott or Toft of ground Scituate Lyeing and being here in Albany being in bredth in y<sup>e</sup> front and behinde from South to North Twenty wood feett and one Inch, & in len[g]th on y<sup>e</sup> one Side as well as y<sup>e</sup> oyr. from East to west Sixty Seven wood feet, bounded w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> house and Lott of Dirk Albertse Bradt to y<sup>e</sup> North and west, and w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> house of Harme Bastiaense on y<sup>e</sup> South; haveing to y<sup>e</sup> East y<sup>e</sup> high Street, w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> half or moyety of a Land y<sup>t</sup>. lyes Behinde towards y<sup>e</sup> South-west Corner of y<sup>e</sup> Lott neer y<sup>e</sup> Hill, w<sup>h</sup>. lyes in Common for y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott of Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh & Dirk Albertse Bratt Together w<sup>th</sup>. all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Sellers, Sollers, Yards BackSides, lights Easements, waters water Courses, Chambers, Rooms Profites Commodities and Appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott or Toft of ground Messuage or Tenement and P<sup>r</sup>emises, or any Part or Parcell y<sup>r</sup>.of, belonging or in any wise appartaineing, or to or w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Same now or att any time heretofore belonging, or used, occupied or Enjoyed as Part, Parcell or member thereof, & all Deeds, Evidences and Writing Touching and Concerning y<sup>e</sup> P<sup>r</sup>emises only. To, Have and to Hold y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott or Toft of ground & Messuage or Tenement, & all & Singular oyr. y<sup>e</sup> P<sup>r</sup>emises, w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. & Every of y<sup>r</sup>. appartenenances unto Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh his heirs and assignus, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper use Benefite and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh his heirs and assignus for Ever, and y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>., doth by these p<sup>r</sup>sents Covenant, Promise & Engage

y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Lott or Toft of ground and Messuage or Tenement and Premises, w<sup>th</sup>. there & Every of there appertenances and Every Part and Parcel thereof unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Ger<sup>t</sup>. Hartenbergh his heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup>. Ad<sup>rs</sup>. & Assigns. in his & there quiet & Peaceable Possession for ever by or from any oyr. Graunt or Conveyance whatsoever, made or to be made by y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>. In wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Evert Wendel Jun<sup>r</sup>. and Elisabeth his wife have hereunto Sett there hands & Sealls in Alb: The Twentieth day of august Anno Dom: one thousand Six hundred Eyghty Seven & in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj<sup>s</sup>: Reign

was Signd

EVERT WENDEL (1:5)

ELISABETH WENDEL (1:5)

Sealed & Deliverd in y<sup>e</sup>  
Presence of

*Dirk Wessells* Justice of  
y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Hend: Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*R: Livingston* Cl.

**Mortgage of a farm in Half Moon from Harmen Lievese to  
Annetje Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick**

[334] To all Christian People to whom this p<sup>s</sup>ent writeing shall come Harme Lievese of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of three hundred & forty gild<sup>rs</sup>. and ten Stuyvers in Bevers to him in hand paid att and before y<sup>e</sup> En-sealing and Delivery hereof by Annetje Lievens widow and Relict of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Goose Gerritse van Shayek deceased, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Harme lievese, doth hereby acknowlege, & thereof and off every Part and Parcell thereof, doth hereby fully acquit, Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje lievens her Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and Assigns, hath therefore graunted, Bargained Sold, Mortgaged assigned, and Sett over unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens a Certain farm or Bowery Scituate lyeing and Being In y<sup>e</sup> Half moon where he now liveth, being bounded to the east by the River, to y<sup>e</sup> South By P<sup>r</sup>. Shuyler and Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Shaik & to the North by Jan van

Ness: with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites, Commodities and advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece of Land and Premises belonging or in any wise appertaining w<sup>th</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Title, claim, Property, and Demand of him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Harme Lievese off in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have and to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. farm or Bowery and all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Premises with there & every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens her heirs and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper use Benefite and Behoofoe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens her heirs and assigns forever, Provided always and it is hereby Declared to be y<sup>e</sup> True Intent and meaning of these p<sup>r</sup>sents y<sup>t</sup>. in Case y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Harme Lievese his heirs Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. or assigns or either of them, shall and doe well and truly Pay or cause to be paid unto y<sup>e</sup> above named M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens her heirs Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. or Assigns or one of them, y<sup>e</sup> Somme of three hundred & forty gilders & ten Stuyvers in Bevers Either in Corn Bevers Pryse or Courant money of this Province on or Before the first day of January next Ensueing y<sup>e</sup> date hereof, at Albany in y<sup>e</sup> dwelling house of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens, and that without fraude Covin or further delay, then this p<sup>r</sup>sent Bargam and Sale and every Clause and article therein Contained, is to be utterly void & off none Effect, Else to be & Remain in full force & vertue, in wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Harme Lievese hath hereunto Sett his hand and Seale in Albany y<sup>e</sup> three & Twentieth day of february 168<sup>6</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj<sup>es</sup>. Reign

Was Signed

HARME LIEVESE

Sealed & Deliverd in y<sup>e</sup>

p<sup>r</sup>sence of

*Adriaen Gerritse* Justice

*Johannes Wendel* Justice

**Mortgage of a piece of land to the south of the Half Moon from Roelof Gerritsen to Annetje Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, with satisfaction of said mortgage**

[335] To all Christian People to whom this p<sup>r</sup>sent writing shall come Roeloff Gerritse of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman sendeth Greeting in our Lord God everlasting, know yee y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Three & thirty Bevers & Sixteen gild<sup>rs</sup>. in zewant to him in hand paid at and before

y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and Delivery hereof by M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens wid<sup>rs</sup>. and Relict of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Goose Gerritse van Shaik deceased; y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth hereby fully, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens, her Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and Assigns, hath therefore graunted, Bargained, Sold, Mortgaged, Assigned & Sett over, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents doth fully cleerly and absolutely, graunt Bargain, Sell, Mortgage, assign & Sett over unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens, a Certain Peece of Land, Scituate lyeing and being above y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany on y<sup>e</sup> west Side of Hudsons River, to y<sup>e</sup> Southward of y<sup>e</sup> Half moon, which Said Land is bounded on y<sup>e</sup> north Side by a Creek or kill y<sup>t</sup>. comes out of y<sup>e</sup> fly or mash,<sup>1</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> East by the River, to y<sup>e</sup> South by the fourth Branch or Spruyt that comes off y<sup>e</sup> Cohoes & to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> hill that lyes by the fley streeching to y<sup>e</sup> Said fourth Branch or Spruyt till over against an Island Commonly Called Costers Island; Together w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Two Morgan of arrable Land lyeing upon y<sup>e</sup> Haever Island with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Peece of Land and Two Morgan of arrable Land Belonging or in any wise appertaineing; and all y<sup>e</sup> Estate, Right, Title, Claim, Property and Demand, off him y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse off in & to y<sup>e</sup> Same, To Have and to Hold, y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece of Land & part of y<sup>e</sup> Island and all and Singular the Premises, with there & Every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens her heirs and assigns to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper use Benefite and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens her heirs and assigns for ever, Provided always, & itt is hereby declared to be y<sup>e</sup> true Intent and meaning of these p<sup>r</sup>sents y<sup>t</sup>. in case y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse his heirs Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. or assigns or either of them, shall and doe well and truly Pay or cause to be paid unto y<sup>e</sup> above named M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens her heirs Executors Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns or one of them y<sup>e</sup> Somme of three & thirty Bevers & Sixteen gilders in Zew<sup>t</sup>. viz<sup>t</sup>. Nine Bevers & Sixteen gild<sup>rs</sup>. in Zewant on or before p<sup>m</sup>. Mey 1687 & then three Bevers yeerly till A<sup>o</sup>. 1695 at Albany, in y<sup>e</sup> dwelling house of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens, & y<sup>t</sup>. without fraud, Covin or further Delay, then this p<sup>r</sup>sent, Bargain and Sale and every clause and Article therein Contained is to be utterly void null and of none Effect Else to be and Remain in full force and vertue, in wittesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said

<sup>1</sup> Dialectical form for "marsh."

Roeloff Gerritse hath hereunto Sett his hand & Seale in Albany the three and twentieth day of february 168<sup>g</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj<sup>es</sup>. Reign

Was Signd w<sup>th</sup>. a X ROELOFF GERRITSE  
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Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
*Adriaen Gerritse* Justice  
*Johannes W'endel* Justice

I underwritten doe acknowledge to be fully paid contented & Satisfyed for y<sup>e</sup> Contents of y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned mortgage, doe therefore discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Roeloff Gerritse his heirs and assigns for Ever as witnesse my hand in Albany this 14<sup>th</sup>. of July 1701

ANNA VAN SCHAYCK

**Deed from Jan Martensen and his wife to Gerrit Teunissen for one-half of the marsh on the north side of Jan Martensen's farm at Kinderhook**

[336] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come Jan Martense of Kinderhoek in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany: Yeoman and Dirkje his wife, Send Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting: know yee y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Six Pounds Courant money of this Province to them in hand Paid, att and Before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Gerritt Teunise of Catskills in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany: Yeoman the Receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowlege and thereof, and of Every Part and Parcell thereof doth fully cleerly, and absolutely, acquit Exonerate and Discharge him y<sup>e</sup> said Gerritt Teunisse his Executors Administrators and assigns for Ever and therewith doth Acknowlege, to be fully Paid Contented and Satisfyed, and hath therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold, Aliened, Enffoeffed, Released and Confirmed, and by these Presents doth fully, cleerly and Absolutely, Graunt, Bargain, Sell, alien, Enfoeffe, Release and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Gerrit Teunise his heirs and assigns, the half or moyety off that vley or mash Scituate Lyeing and Being att Kinderhook on y<sup>e</sup> North Side of y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Martense: Bowery or Farm. The whole mash Con- teing by Estimation about Seventy or Eighty acres beitt more or Lesse; all which [337] with all the Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan



Martense to y<sup>e</sup> half or moeyty of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. mash is Transported to y<sup>e</sup> Said Gerritt Teunise his heirs and assigns, with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and Appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. [h]alf vley or mash Belonging or any ways appertaineing TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> Said half vley or mash unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Gerrit Teunise his heirs and assigns, unto y<sup>e</sup> Proper use and Behoofe of y<sup>e</sup> Said Gerritt Teunise his heirs and assigns for ever, and in his quiet and Peaceable Possession and Seizin against all Persones to warrant, and for ever by these Presents Defend. In wittnesse wheroff y<sup>e</sup> Said Jan Martense & Dirkje his wife have hereunto Sett there hands and Sealls in Kinderhoek this fourteenth day of february in y<sup>e</sup> third year off his Maj<sup>s</sup>. Reign A<sup>o</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>. 168<sup>6</sup> It is Expressely Conditiond before y<sup>e</sup> Sealing and delivery hereof y<sup>t</sup>. that Peece of y<sup>e</sup> Mash which y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Jan Martense hath Sold to Thom: Craven is nott Included in y<sup>e</sup> above Transport; neither is y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Gerrit Teunise to have any Share or Part in y<sup>e</sup> Same:

his  
 JAN X MARTENSE (L:S)  
 Mark  
 DIRCKIEN MARTENSE (L:S)

Signed & Delivered  
 in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of  
*Lambert Janse*  
*Thomas Craven*  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston*

**Deed from Dorothea, widow of Capt. Volkert Jansen Douw, and her son Jonas Volkertsen Douw to the deacons of the Reformed Church at Albany for a lot with an old house upon it behind the property of Annetje Lievens**

[338] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come Doritie the wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Volkert Janz: Dow Dec<sup>d</sup>. and Jonas Volkertse her Eldest sonne Sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting know yee that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Summe of one hundred Peeces of Eight to her the said Doritee of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany in hand Paid att and before the <sup>d</sup>Ensealing & Delivery hereof by Johannis Wendel Jochim Staets and John Lansingh Deacons of the Reformed Church of this Toune the Receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowlege and thereof and of Every Part and parcell thereof doth fully Cleerly and absolutely acquitt, Exonerate and discharge them the said Johannis Wendel

Jochim Staets, & John Lansingh Decons to be fully paid Contented and Satisfyed, and have therefore Graunted, Bargained, Sold, alliened, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these presents doth fully Cleerly and absolutely Graunt, Bargain, Sell allien, Enffoeffe and Confirm unto the said Johannis Wendel Jochim Staets & John Lansingh and there Successeurs Decons of the Reformed Church of Albany afores<sup>d</sup>. all that Certain Lott of grounde with the old house that stood upon itt Lyeing and being within the Toune of Albany behynde y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>w</sup>. Annetie Lievens bounded to the south the high street that goes to the burying Place to the north by Rutten kill to the East by Harma Rutgers and to the west Gerritt Banker is in Brea[d]th towards the street that goes to y<sup>e</sup> Lutherian Church by the said Rutten kill Six Rodd and one foot and Behynde the Like Brea[d]th is in Len[g]th on the East side Eight Rodd wanting Three Inches, and on the west Side Eight Rodd & Two Inches which said Lott is Part of that which was Graunted to y<sup>e</sup> Said Volkert Janse Dow by the Late Gov<sup>r</sup>. Richard Nicolls as p<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Patent dated y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>. of Mey 1667 doth appear all which with all y<sup>e</sup> Right and Title of y<sup>e</sup> Said Doritee and Jonas Volkertse is Transported to y<sup>e</sup> Said Decons and there Successeurs for Ever with all y<sup>e</sup> Profitts, Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Lott of grounde above Expressed as Belonging TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> said Lott of grounde & premises with there and Every of there appurtenances unto the said Johannis Wendel Jochim Staets and John Lansingh decons and there Successeurs deacons of y<sup>e</sup> Church aforesaid & in there quiett and Peaceable possession & Seizon against all persones to warrant and for Ever by these presents defend in wittnesse whereof the said Doritee and Jonas Volkertse her Some have hereunto Sett there hands and Seale in Albany y<sup>e</sup> fourth day of Decemb in y<sup>e</sup> first year of his Maj<sup>es</sup>. Reign annoq. Dom: 1685

was Signd

DORITEE JANS (L:S)

JONAS VOLKERTSE DOW (L:S)

Sealed & Deliverd

in y<sup>e</sup> presence of

*Jan Janse Blecker* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace

*Robert Livingston* Cl.

Recorded in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>.

Feb. 1685

**Deed from the Mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Albany to the Rev. Godefridus Dellius for the pasture to the south of the city near the old fort**

[339] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albanie Send Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Know yee that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Summe of Three hundred and ninety Pounds Currant Money of this province to them in hand Paid att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Doctor Godevridus Dellius Minister of y<sup>e</sup> Reformed Netherdutch Congregation in y<sup>e</sup> City & County of Albany y<sup>e</sup> Receit whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Mayor Aldermen and Commonality doe hereby acknowledge and thereof and of Every Part and parcell thereof doe Cleerly and freely acquitt Exonerate and discharge y<sup>e</sup> Said Doctor Godevridus Dellius his heirs Executors administrators and assigns and Every of them for Ever by these presents They the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonality have Graunted Bargained Sold aliend Released Enffoeffed Transported and Confirmed and by these Presents doe fully Cleerly and absolutely Graunt Bargain Sell alien Release Enffoeffe Transport and Confirm unto the said doctor Godevridus Dellius a Certain Peece or parsell of Land Commonly Called or knoune by y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> Pasture Scituate Lyeing & being to the Southwarde of y<sup>e</sup> Said City near the place where the old fort stood & Extending along the Hudsons River till it comes over against the most Northerly Point of y<sup>e</sup> Island Commonly Called Marten Gerritsens Island haveing to the East Hudsons River to the south the manner of Renselaerswyk to y<sup>e</sup> west y<sup>e</sup> highway leading to the Toune The pasture late in y<sup>e</sup> Tenure and occupation of Marten Gerritse and the Pasture Late in y<sup>e</sup> Tenure and occupation of Casper Jacobse To the north the Severall Pastures Late in y<sup>e</sup> Tenure and occupations of Robert Sanders Mynd<sup>r</sup>, Harmense & Evert Wendel and y<sup>e</sup> Severall Gardens Late in y<sup>e</sup> Tenures and occupations of Dirk Wessells Killiaen van Renselaer and Abraham Staets Together with all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Profits Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Pasture Peece or Parcel of Land and Premises in any part or parcell thereof Belonging or in any ways appertaining or to or with y<sup>e</sup> Same now or att any time heretofore Belongin or used occupied or Enjoyed as part parcell or member thereof and all deeds Evidences & Writeings Touching and Concerning the premises only TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> Said pasture Peece or parsell of Land and all and Singular oyr. y<sup>e</sup> Premises with there and Every

of there appertenances unto the said Godevridus Dellius his heirs and assigns to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only proper use Benefite and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> Said Godevridus Dellius his heirs & assigns for Ever and y<sup>e</sup> Said Mayor Aldermen & Commonality doth by these presents Covenant Promise and Engage y<sup>e</sup> Said pasture peece or parcell of Land & p<sup>r</sup>mises so as the same is Graunted to them in there Charter dated y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>th</sup>. day of July 1686 with there and Every of there appertenances and Every Part and Parcel thereof unto the said Doctor Godevridus Dellius his heirs Executr<sup>s</sup>. ad<sup>r</sup>s. and assigns in his & there quiet and P<sup>e</sup>aceable possession for Ever by or from any o<sup>r</sup>. Graunt or Conveyance whatsoever made or to be made by y<sup>e</sup> Said Mayor Aldermen & Commonality or there Successeurs In Wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Mayor of y<sup>e</sup> Said Citty hath hereunto Sett his hand & Caused y<sup>e</sup> Seale of y<sup>e</sup> Said Citty to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be Enterd upon our Publick Records dated y<sup>e</sup> first day of novemb. in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender. of y<sup>e</sup> faith Supream & only Lord of y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Yorke A<sup>o</sup>. 1687

was Signd

PIETER SCHUYLER Mayor

**Deed from Marten Cregier to Johannes Clute for a pasture in Canastagione, in exchange for another piece of land**

[340]<sup>1</sup> To all Christian People to whom this present writing shall come, Marte Cregier of Canastagione in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman Sendeth greeting; know ye y<sup>t</sup>. for and in Consideration of another Parcell of Land Transported to me this day as by y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Conveyance upon Record more at large doth appear, by John Clute of y<sup>e</sup> Same Place Yeoman, the Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Marte Cregier doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof, and of every part and Parcell thereof, doe cleerly and freely acquitt, Exonerate and discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Clut his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns, and every of y<sup>m</sup>. for ever by these presents, he y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Marte Cregier hath granted, Bartered, Exchanged, Released, Enfoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these presents doe grant, Bargain, Barter, Exchange, Release, Enfoeffe and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Clute a Certain peece of Land or Pasture Scituate lying and being at Canastagione on this Side of y<sup>e</sup> River, it being y<sup>e</sup> Land where

<sup>1</sup>The upper half of the page contains an imperfect copy of the first part of the deed from Johannes Clute to Marten Gregier printed on p. 338.

Marritie Daemes old house and Barn Stood, Including all y<sup>e</sup> Land as it lyes inclosed in its fence, between y<sup>e</sup> Small kill or Creek that runns to y<sup>e</sup> north of John Clute's house, and y<sup>e</sup> Crosse fence that runns from y<sup>e</sup> great kill Straight towards y<sup>e</sup> woods, wherein the Heck<sup>1</sup> or Gate is that Leads to Marte Cregier's, along his arrable Land, together with all and Singular the Profits Commodities and appertenenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Pasture, Piece or Parcell of Land and Premises, or any part or Parcell thereof belonging \* \* \* or in any ways appertaining, or to or with y<sup>e</sup> Same, now or at any time heretofore belonging, or used occupyed, or Enjoyed, as Part parcell or member thereof, and all deeds, Evidences and writings, touching and Concerning y<sup>e</sup> Premises, with there and every of their appertenenances, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said John Clute, his heirs and assigns, To have and to hold, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Pasture Peece or Parcell of Land, and all and Singular other y<sup>e</sup> Premises, with their and every of their Appertenenances, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Clute his heirs and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper use, benefit and behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Clute, his heirs and assigns for ever, and y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Marte Cregier doth by these p<sup>r</sup>sents Covenants, Promise and Engage y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Pasture, Peece or Parcell of Land, and Premises with their and every of their appurtenances, and every Part and Parcell thereof, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. John Clute his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns in his and their quiet and Peaceable Possession, for ever, by or from any other grant or Conveyance whatsoever, made or to be made by y<sup>e</sup> Said Marte Cregier his heirs or assigns, In witsesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Marte Cregier hath hereunto Putt his hand and Seale, in Albany this fifteenth day of Decemb<sup>r</sup>. in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of his Majesties Reign Anno Dom: 1687

Was Signd

M: CREGIER (L:S)

Signd Seald and Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
*Hendrik Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston* Clerk

**Deed from Annetje Lievens to Roelof Gerritsen for two parcels  
of land and an island south of the Half Moon**

[341] To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come M<sup>r</sup>s. Annetie Levens wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relect of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Goose Gerritse van Schaik Deceased Sendeth Greeting in our Lord, God,

<sup>1</sup>A Dutch word meaning a gate or barrier in a fence.

Everlasting Know you that for and in Consideration of the quantity off one hundred and Twenty Six good and Merchandable Bevers skins to her in hand Paid att and Before the Ensealing and Delivery thereof by Roeloff Gerritz of y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof the said M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens doth hereby acknowledge and of Every Part and Parcel thereof, doth fully cleerly and absolutely acquitt Exonerate and Discharge the Said Roeloff Gerritse his Executors Administrators and assigns for Ever, and therewith doth acknowledge hereself to be fully Paid Contented and Satisfyed the S<sup>d</sup>. Annetie Leivens hath graunted, Bargained, Sold, alliened, Released, Enffoeffed, & Confirmed and by these presents doth fully cleerly and absolutely, Graunt, Bargain, Sell, allien, Release, Enffoeffe, and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse a Certain Peece of Land, Scituate Lyeing and Being above y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany on y<sup>e</sup> west side of Hudsons River to y<sup>e</sup> Southward of y<sup>e</sup> halfmoon, which Said Land is bounded on the north side by a Creek or kill y<sup>t</sup>. comes out of y<sup>e</sup> fley or mash to y<sup>e</sup> East by the River, to y<sup>e</sup> South by the fourth branch or Spruyt that comes off the Cohoes and to the north y<sup>e</sup> hill that lyes by the Vley Streeching to the said fourth Branch or Spruyt till over against an Island commonly called Costors Island Together with the two morgan of Arrable Land, Lyeing upon y<sup>e</sup> haver Island always with this Proviso that y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritz his heirs and assigns keep a good Sufficient fence from y<sup>e</sup> Place where y<sup>e</sup> old hoffstede<sup>1</sup> was so farr as to the Creek or kill y<sup>t</sup>. comes out of the Vley or mash, to free his oune Land and y<sup>e</sup> Land of Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schaik upon the Cohoos Island, and in y<sup>e</sup> time of harvest after y<sup>e</sup> Corn is Reapd the Chattle of y<sup>e</sup> Said Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schaik his heirs and assigns ouners of the Cohoos Island, may freely feed upon y<sup>e</sup> Stuble Land of y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse, and y<sup>e</sup> Chatle of y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse his heirs and assigns ouners of y<sup>e</sup> above Recited Parcel of Land may likewise freely feed upon y<sup>e</sup> Stuble Land of y<sup>e</sup> Said Anthony van Schaik his heirs and [assigns] for Ever ouners of y<sup>e</sup> Cohoos Island, as also that y<sup>e</sup> Said Antho[ny van Schaik, his heirs] and assigns ouners of y<sup>e</sup> Cohoos Island shall have . . . his Cattle along the Path that goes . . . Roeloff Gerritse northwards to the . . .<sup>2</sup> [343] There, Provided itt be not in y<sup>e</sup> time that y<sup>e</sup> Corn can be Damnified by there Soe going throw, and that y<sup>e</sup> Said Catle be ledd along to Prevent there Damnified

<sup>1</sup> Dutch word meaning a farmstead.

<sup>2</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

the Corn,<sup>1</sup> The said Annetie Lievens doth by these Presents Transp<sup>t</sup>. and Convey Release and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Roeloff Gerritze his heirs and Assigns another Parcell of Land adjoining to the before Recited Parcell, having to the north a hill that Lyes on the north Side of y<sup>e</sup> Creupelboss<sup>2</sup> or Swamp to the East y<sup>e</sup> Land of y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritze above recited, to y<sup>e</sup> South y<sup>e</sup> fourth Branch or Spruyt, to the west y<sup>e</sup> River That comes off y<sup>e</sup> Cohoes, together with a Small Island Lyeing next to the Haever Island Commonly called by y<sup>e</sup> name of Roeloff's Island, and y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse his heirs & assigns are for Ever to have free grazeing or outdrift for his or There Cattle in y<sup>e</sup> woods adjoining to his Land aforesaid, with all y<sup>e</sup> Profites Commodities and advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Parcells of Land and Islands Belonging or in any ways appertaining together with all and Singular Deeds Evidences & Writteings touching and Confirming the premises only or any Part thereof with all y<sup>e</sup> Right, Title Property claim and Demand of her y<sup>e</sup> Said Annetie Lievens of in and to y<sup>e</sup> Same, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> Said Parcells of Land Islands & Premises with there and Every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse his heirs and assigns to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper use Benefite and Behooffe of y<sup>e</sup> Said Roeloff Gerritse his heirs and assigns for Ever, in his quiet & Peaceable Possession and Seizon against all Persones to warrant and for Ever by these Presents Defend In (Testimony) Wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said Annetie Lievens hath hereunto sett her hand and Seale in Albany this fourth day of february in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland king Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith Supream and only Lord of y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Yorke anno. Dom: 168 5

was Signd

ANNETIE LIEVENS (L:S)

Sealed & Deliverd  
in the Presence of  
*Adriaen Gerritz* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace  
*Hendrik Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace

<sup>1</sup> Read: "to prevent their damaging the corn."

<sup>2</sup> Literally: "cripple bush"; a track covered with scrub; a jungle, or thicket.

**Deed from Johannes Clute to Marten Cregier for land at Canastagione in exchange for another parcel of land**

[342]<sup>1</sup> To all Christian People to whom this Present writing shall come John Clute heir to Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Clute Deceased of Canastagione in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman Sendeth Greeting, Know yee that for and in Consideration of anoy<sup>r</sup>. Parcell of Land Transported to him y<sup>e</sup> Said John Clute by Marte Cregier of y<sup>e</sup> Same Place Yeoman as by y<sup>e</sup> Conveyance upon Record more att Large doth appear y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge & thereof and of Every Part and Parcel thereof doe Cleerly and freely acquitt Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Marte Cregier his heirs Executors administrators and assigns and Every of them for Ever by these presents, he the said John Clute hath graunted, Bartered, Exchanged, Released, Enffoeffed, and Confirmed and by these Presents doe graunt, Bargain, Barter, Exchange, Release, Enffoeffe, and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Marten Cregier all y<sup>e</sup> land that formerly Belonged to Dirk van Schelluyne Sometime Secr<sup>y</sup>. of Albany Scituate Lyeing and being at Canastagione in this County on this side of the River having the land of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Marte Cregier at the one Side and y<sup>e</sup> kill or Creek which is commonly called Schelluynes kill on y<sup>e</sup> other Side Streeching as farr as where y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. kill or Creek Comes into the Maquaese River Includinge the Six morgan or Twelve acres Confirmed to his uncle Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Clute by the late Govern<sup>r</sup>. Francis Lovelace dated y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>. day of May 1672 Together with all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Profits Commodities and appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Peece or Parcel of Land and Premises or any Part or Parcel thereof Belonging or in any wise appertaining or to or with y<sup>e</sup> Same now or att any time heretofore Belonging or used occupyed or Enjoyed as Part Parcel or member thereof and all Deeds Evidences and writings touching and Concerning y<sup>e</sup> Premises only TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> said Peece or Parcel of Land and all & Singular other the premises with there and Every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Marte Cregier his heirs and assigns to the Sole and only Proper use Benefite and Behooffe of the said Marte Cregier his heirs and assigns for Ever and the said John Clute doth by these presents Covenant promise and Engage y<sup>e</sup> Said Peece or Parcel of Land and Premises so as it was Given by the Maquaes Indians & Confirmed to y<sup>e</sup> Said Dirk van Schelluyne by Patent with there and Every of there apper-

<sup>1</sup>An imperfect copy of the first part of this deed appears on p. 340.



tenances and Every part and Parcel thereof unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Marte Cregier his heirs Executors ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns in his and there quiet and Peaceable Possession for Ever by or from any o<sup>r</sup>. graunt or Conveyance whatsoever made or to be made by the said John Clute or his heirs and assigns In wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said John Clute hath hereunto Sett his hand Seale in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>. day of Decemb 1687 in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. year of his Maj<sup>es</sup>. Reign

Was Signed

JOHN CLUTE (L.S.)

Signed Sealed & Deliverd

in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>esence of

*Hend: Cuyler* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace

*Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston* Cl.

**Deed from Mohawk sachems to Capt. Johannes Clute for land at Canastagioene (Niskayuna)**

[344] We, the undersigned magistrates of Albany and the colony of Renselaerswyk, declare that before us appeared in their own persons the Maquase sachems Sakodjochquisax,<sup>1</sup> Aehagary and [Onwix]haron, lawful owners representing all others who may have any claims, who declared that they had sold and Capt. Jan Clute that he had bought a certain piece of land lying above his previously purchased land at Canastageone, for the quantity of three hundred hands of white seawan and nine fathoms of duffel, acknowledging that they were fully paid and satisfied, renouncing all their rights and claims and granting the aforesaid Capt. Clute [full power] to dispose of the aforesaid purchased land and of the land which he bought heretofore, with the kills and creeks and woodland as [he might do] of his own patrimonial estate, and to plant, cultivate and otherwise use the same as he might see fit; which aforesaid land lies to the west of Roosendal and extends as far as a kill called Canistahejoene westwards and again southwards from the kill Canastagioene to Lysjes kill<sup>2</sup> and thence southwards to Scherluyne kill<sup>3</sup> and thence eastwards along the kill under the hill toward Albany, provided that if Marten Cregier considers this purchase in any way detrimental to him, he may have the same privilege of the woods abutting on his lands by paying a proportionate

<sup>1</sup> Compare spelling of the name in the signature and in the deed from the Mohawks for the land at Saratoga, July 26, 1683, on p. 195-97.

<sup>2</sup> Now called Lishas kill.

<sup>3</sup> Schelluyne kill.

share of the expense. Thus done without craft or guile and subscribed with their own hands, in Albany, the 4th of November 1682.<sup>1</sup>

This is the mark X of SAHODI-  
OCHQUIZAN, made with his own  
hand

This is the mark X of AILAGARY,  
made with his own hand

This is the mark X of ONWITX-  
HARON

As witnesses:

*Marten Gerritse*

*Dirk Wessels*

*Jan Jansen Blecker*

*C. V. Dyk*, scriba pro tempore

**Release of all demands from Cataryna Glen, widow and administratrix of Jacob Sanders Glen, to Johannes Cuyler**

[345] I, the undersigned Cataryna Glen, widow and administratrix of the late Jacob Sand: Glen, in his lifetime attorney for Messrs Isaack and Volequyn Kip and Tousain Domis, merchants at Amsterdam, children and heirs, etc., of the late Messrs Guiliam, Volequin and Matthias Momma, etc., hereby acknowledge that I and Johannes Cuyler, attorney of the aforementioned Isack and Volequyn Kip and Tousain Domis, have mutually adjusted, balanced and settled all particular accounts and dealings that have been between the aforementioned heirs and masters and Jacob Sand: Glen, and I therefore release the aforesaid heirs and masters, their heirs, administrators and successors forever from all further claims whatsoever, binding thereto my person, my heirs and administrators. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed this in Albany, this first of July anno one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven. \_\_\_\_\_

Was signed:

CATARYNA GLEN (L. S.)

Signed and sealed in  
presence of,

*Dirk Wessells*

*Johannis Glen*

Recorded in Albany, Decemb. 31, 1687

<sup>1</sup> Recorded out of chronologic order.

**Deed from Annetje Lievens, widow of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, to Harmen Lievense for land at the Half Moon**

[346] To all Christian People to whom this Present Writteing shall come M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Lievens wid<sup>w</sup>. and Relict of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Goose Gerritse van Schaik Deceased Sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting, know yee that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Quantity of one hundred and Twenty good and merchandable, Bever skins, to her in hand paid, att and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery, hereof by Harme Lievense of y<sup>e</sup> half moen in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany Yeoman, y<sup>e</sup> Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said M<sup>rs</sup>. Annetje Leivense doth hereby acknowledge and of Every Part and Parcel thereof doth tully Cleerly and absolutely, acquitt, Exonerate and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> Said Harma Lievense his heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup>. Ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns, hath Graunted Bargained, Sold, Alliend, Enffoeffed, and Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents, doth graunt, Bargain, Sell, allien, Enffoeffe and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Harma Lievense a Certain Peece of land Scituate Lyeing and being above y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Albany on y<sup>e</sup> west side of Hudsons River, att a place Commonly knome by y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> half moon, which said Land is bounded on y<sup>e</sup> north by y<sup>e</sup> Pine tree that stands on y<sup>e</sup> west side of a Pool off water or Colk on y<sup>e</sup> East side y<sup>e</sup> River, on y<sup>e</sup> South side y<sup>e</sup> Ditch or Slood that is Behynde y<sup>e</sup> house and Gardin of Pieter Schuyler and Anthony van Schaick, and so along y<sup>e</sup> northermost of y<sup>e</sup> said Ditch till you come to y<sup>e</sup> fence of the Said Pieter Schuyler and Anthony van Schaick, that Lyes on y<sup>e</sup> East side of y<sup>e</sup> Swamp or Creupelboss and So along northwards the Said fence till you come to anoy<sup>r</sup>. Ditch, y<sup>t</sup>. Runns Eastward into y<sup>e</sup> River and up westward along the north side of y<sup>e</sup> Said Ditch y<sup>t</sup>. Runns into y<sup>e</sup> River till you come to another Ditch that Runns Southward from that Ditch into y<sup>e</sup> Ditch that Runns behynde y<sup>e</sup> house of Pieter Schuyler and Anth<sup>o</sup>. van Schaick, and from y<sup>e</sup> End of that ditch that Runns Southwarde with a Straight Line northwarde to y<sup>e</sup> End of y<sup>e</sup> Cruempelboss or Swamp that Lyes behynde y<sup>e</sup> house of y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Lievense and So Eastwarde as farr as the northermost bounds of y<sup>e</sup> fence that lyes between him and Jan van Mess Together with free grazeing and outdrift for his Chatle, Cutting and heweing of Timber fyrewood; in y<sup>e</sup> woods mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> Patent of Govern<sup>r</sup>. Lovelace to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Goose Gerritse and Cap<sup>t</sup>. Phil: Schuyler dated y<sup>e</sup> 30 or march 1672 now in y<sup>e</sup> occupation of Anthony van Schaick; with all y<sup>e</sup> profites Commodities and advantages whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Parcel of Land and Premises with there and Every of there appertenances unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>.

Harma Lievese his heirs and assigns to y<sup>e</sup> Sole use Proper Benefite and Behooffe of him y<sup>e</sup> Said Harme Lievese his heirs and assigns for Ever and in his Quiet and Peaceable Possession and Zeizon against all Persones to warr<sup>t</sup>. and for Ever by these Presents Defend: In Wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Annetie Lievens hath hereunto Sett her hand and Seale in Albany on y<sup>e</sup> fourth day off feb: A<sup>o</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>. 168<sup>g</sup> and in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>. year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, king Defend<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> faith Supream and only Lord of y<sup>e</sup> province of N: Yorke &

ANNETIE LIEVENS (L:S)

Sealed & Deliverd  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
*Adriaen Gerritse* Justis de pis  
*Hend<sup>k</sup>. Cuyler* Justice of de peace

**Power of attorney from Cornelis Michielsen to Pieter Woglum, junior, and Jan Becker to manage his affairs during his absence**

[347] Know all men whom it may interest and concern that I, the undersigned Cornelis Machielse, dwelling in this [city], have constituted and appointed, as I hereby in the most effectual manner do constitute and appoint, my good friends Pieter Woglum, junior, and Mr Jan Becker, dwelling in New Albany, my lawful attorneys, jointly and severally during my absence in all cases to represent my person; to look after and manage my business interests and affairs of whatever nature they may be; likewise of the proper persons to ask, demand and receive all my outstanding debts, claims and dues; the delinquent, if any there be, by legal process to constrain to fulfil and perform whatever it is my good right to demand; to this end notice to serve, protest to enter and persons and property to attach, against all persons to proceed and either as plaintiff or defendant all terms of court to observe unto judgment and final execution thereof; with power also to agree, contract, compose and compromise; if need be, one or more persons *à lites* to substitute and the same to revoke; and especially also to make paymer<sup>t</sup> for my lands bought of Myndert Fredrikse, smith, and from him a conveyance thereof to obtain and the same and all other my immovable and real property to convey and make over to the buyer or buyers thereof, putting the same in possession, seizin

and ownership thereof and divesting, disinheriting and dispossessing me thereof according to custom and usage there; and furthermore generally and specially all things to do either by or without resorting to law according to the proofs thereof which are herewith handed to the attorneys or which may hereafter be sent to them and which for the proper execution and furtherance of the matter or matters involved may in any manner whatsoever be required or demanded; and all as completely and with as much force, power and authority as I being present in person might or could do the same and my attorneys may think best and advisable; promising [348] at all times and irrevocably to approve and ratify what by my attorneys or their substitutes shall by virtue of these presents be done, transacted or performed in the matter aforesaid, binding myself thereto as by law provided. In witness of the truth of which these are signed and sealed in N: York, the 16th of October 1685.

Was signed:

CORNELIS MACHIELSE (L. S.)

Signed and sealed in  
our presence as witnesses,

*Dirk Claesen*

*Willem Hoppie*

*Hend<sup>r</sup>. Janse van Feweide*

Acknowledged before me,

WILLEM BOGARDUS, *Notary Public*

Recorded.

**Deed from David Schuyler and his wife to Pieter Schuyler for two flats, one-half of lot no. 6 and one-half of the seventh part of the undivided land in the Saratoga patent**

[349] To all Christian People to whom this present writing shall come David Schuyler of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany merchant, and Catelina his wife send Greeting, Know ye that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Sum of Seaven and Twenty Pounds Eighteen Shillings Currant money of this Province to them in hand paid, at and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealeing and delivery hereof, by Peter Schuyler Esq<sup>r</sup>. Present Mayor of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany, the Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof, and of every part and Parcell thereof, doth cleerly and freely, acquitt, Exonerate and

Discharge y<sup>e</sup> Said Peter Schuyler his heirs, Executors, Administrators, and assigns, and every of y<sup>m</sup>. for ever by these p<sup>r</sup>sents, They y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. David Schuyler and Catelina his wife, have granted, Bargained, Sold, aliened, Released, Enfoeffed, Transported and Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents, doe fully cleerly and absolutely, Graunt, Bargain, Sell, Alien, Release, Enfoeff, Transport, and Confirm, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Peter Schuyler, Two Certain Flatts or Plains, Scituate lying and being at Sarachtoge on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of y<sup>e</sup> River, the one being a Flatt or Plain whereon Dubison a Frenchman now lives, and lyes over against y<sup>e</sup> lott N<sup>o</sup>. 2 and 3 belonging to Jan Jansz Bleeker, and Dirk Wessells, the other Flatt or Plain being lower Down y<sup>e</sup> River, and is Commonly known by y<sup>e</sup> Eckant Vlakte,<sup>1</sup> with y<sup>e</sup> woodland adjoining to y<sup>e</sup> Said Vlatts or Plains, as far as y<sup>e</sup> Instrument of Partition mentions, dated y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>. day of April 1685, Together with y<sup>e</sup> half or moyety of all y<sup>e</sup> Share of y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler in Sarachtoge, soe as y<sup>e</sup> Same is fallen to him by Lott in y<sup>e</sup> Division of y<sup>e</sup> Same, being y<sup>e</sup> Lott N<sup>o</sup>. 6, as also y<sup>e</sup> half or moyety of y<sup>e</sup> Seaventh part of y<sup>e</sup> Land undivided at Sarachtoge, and all other Profitts, Commodities and appurtenances according to y<sup>e</sup> Tenure of y<sup>e</sup> Patent Granted by his Excellency, Tho: Dongan, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. and Gov<sup>r</sup>. in Cheiffe dated y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>. of Novemb 1684; unto y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler and y<sup>e</sup> other Six mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> Same; The other half or moyety with y<sup>e</sup> Flatt or Plain, lying above y<sup>e</sup> Land of Cornelis van Dyk Deceased, being N<sup>o</sup>. 7 belonging to Robert Livingston, Together with all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Profitts, Commodities, appurtenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Flats or Plains and Premises or any Part or Parcell thereof belonging, or in any wise appertaining, or to or with y<sup>e</sup> Same, now or at any time heretofore, belonging, or used, occupied or Enjoyed, as Part, Parcell or member thereof, and all deeds Evidences and writings; Touching and Concerning y<sup>e</sup> Premises only, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Two Flats or Plains and all and Singular other y<sup>e</sup> Premises, with there and every of their appertences, unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Peter Schuyler his heirs and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only proper use, benefit and behooffe, of y<sup>e</sup> Said P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler his heirs and assigns for ever and y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. David Schuyler doth by these presents Covenant, Promise and Engage y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. Two Flatts or Plains and premises, with their and every of their appurtenances and every part and Parcell thereof unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>. P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler, his heirs Executors, Administrators or assigns, in his and their Quiet and Peaceable Possession for ever,

<sup>1</sup> Literally: "Elk Flat."

by or from any other graunt or Conveyance whatsoever, made or to be made, by y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler, or his heirs and assigns, In wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler and Catalina his wife have hereunto Sett their hands and Seals, in Albany y<sup>e</sup> Eleventh day of march Anno Dom: one thousand Six hundred Eighty Six and Seaven, and in y<sup>e</sup> third year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Irland King Defender of y<sup>e</sup> Faith & Supream Lord of y<sup>e</sup> Plantation and Colony of New York

Signd

CATHLINA SCHUYLER

DAVID SCHUYLER

(L:S)

(L:S)

Sealed and Deliverd in y<sup>e</sup>  
presence of

*Johannes Wendel* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Livinus van Schaik* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

**Deed from David Schuyler and his wife to Robert Livingston for one flat, one-half of lot no. 6 and one-half of the seventh part of the undivided land in the Saratoga patent**

[350] To all Christian People to whom this present writing shall come David Schuyler of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany Merchant, and Catalina his wife send Greeting Know y<sup>e</sup> that for and in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Somme of Seaven and Twentee Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, Currant money of this Province, to them in hand paid at and before y<sup>e</sup> Ensealing and Delivery hereof, by Robert Livingston of Livingston in y<sup>e</sup> Dutchesse County Gentleman, the Receipt whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler doth hereby acknowlege, and thereof, and of every Part and Parcell thereof, doth Cleerly and freely, acquitt, Exonerat and discharge y<sup>e</sup> Said Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, his heirs, Executors, Administrators, and assigns, and every of y<sup>m</sup>. for ever, by these presents, They y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler and Catalina his wife, have granted, Bargained, Sold, alicned, Released, Enfoeffed, Transported and Confirmed, and by these p<sup>r</sup>sents doe fully cleerly and absolutely, graunt Bargain, Sell, Alien, Release, Enfoeffe, Transport, and Confirm unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Robert Livingston a Certain Tract or Parcell of Land Scituat lying and being, on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of y<sup>e</sup> River at Sarachtoge, Beginning at y<sup>e</sup> great Kill or Creek that comes Eastward out of the woods, and Runns into y<sup>e</sup> River being the Utmost bounds of Sarachtoge on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of y<sup>e</sup> River, and goes up y<sup>e</sup> Said Great Kill, till you come to the Rift or Fall of

waters, and so Southward along y<sup>e</sup> River Side to a Certain Kill or Creek known by the name of Meesen Kill which Kill divides y<sup>e</sup> Said Flatt or Plain and the Land of Cornelis van Dyk deceased; with all y<sup>e</sup> wood Land adjoining adjoining<sup>1</sup> to the said Flatt or Plain as farr as y<sup>e</sup> Instrument of Partition mentions dated y<sup>e</sup> fifteenth day of Aprill A<sup>o</sup>. 1685 whereto this is Referred together with y<sup>e</sup> half or moyety of all y<sup>e</sup> Share of y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler in Sarachtoge, So as y<sup>e</sup> Same is fallen to him by Lott in the Division of y<sup>e</sup> Same being y<sup>e</sup> Lott N<sup>o</sup>. 6, as also y<sup>e</sup> half or moyety of y<sup>e</sup> Seaventh part of y<sup>e</sup> Land undivided at Sarachtoge, and all other Profites, Commodities, and appurtenances, according to the Tenure of y<sup>e</sup> Patent, Graunted by his Excellency Thomas Dongan Cap<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>ll</sup>. and Governour in Cheiffe, dated the fourth day of November A<sup>o</sup>. Dom 1684 unto y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler and the other Six mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> Same, the other half or moyety with the Two flatts, one whereof lyes over against N<sup>o</sup>. 2 and N<sup>o</sup>. 3 and the other calld the Eelants Vlakte, belonging to Peter Schuyler Together with all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> Profits Commodities, and Appertenances whatsoever to y<sup>e</sup> Said Flat or Plain or any part and Parcell thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining, or to or with y<sup>e</sup> Same, now or any time heretofore Belonging, or used occupied, or Enjoyed, as Part Parcell or member thereof, and all Deeds Evidences and writings touching and Confirming the Premises only. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> Said Flatt or Plain and all and Singular other y<sup>e</sup> Premises, with their and every [351] of their appertenances, unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Robert Livingston his heirs and assigns, to y<sup>e</sup> Sole and only Proper use, benefit and Behoofoe, of y<sup>e</sup> said Robert Livingston his heirs and assigns for ever; and y<sup>e</sup> Said D. Schuyler, doth by these p<sup>r</sup>sents Covenant, Promise, and Engage, the said Flatt or Plain and Premises, with their and every of their appertenances, and every Part and Parcell thereof unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns in his and their quiet and Peaceable Possession for ever, by or From any other Graunt or Conveyance Whatsoever made or to be made by y<sup>e</sup> said David Schuyler or his heirs and assigns; In wittnesse whereof y<sup>e</sup> Said David Schuyler and Catalina his wife have hereunto Sett their hands and Sealls in Albany y<sup>e</sup> Eleventh day of March Anno Dom: one Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six and Seaven and in the Third year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Souveraign Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> grace of God of

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<sup>1</sup> Thus in original.



England, Scotland, France and Irland king, Defender of y<sup>e</sup> Faith & Supream Lord of y<sup>e</sup> Plantation and Collonie of New York

Signd

CATHALINA SCHUYLER	DAVID SCHUYLER
y <sup>e</sup> Seale (L:S:) hanging	The (L:S:) Seale
to y <sup>e</sup> dead	hanging to y <sup>e</sup> [deed]

Scaled and Delivered

in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of

*Johannes Wendel* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

*Livinus Van Schaik* Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace

**Articles of agreement between Pieter Schuyler, Jan Jansen Bleecker, Dirck Wessels, Johannes Wendel, Robert Livingston, David Schuyler and Cornelis van Dyck for the division of the arable land of Saratoga**

[352] Articles of agreement made by [the seven partners]<sup>1</sup> interested in the lands named Saraghtoge [for a division]<sup>1</sup> of the arable land into seven parts, which land at [the request]<sup>1</sup> of said seven partners has been laid out into seven lots numbered from 1 to 7 by Mr Marte Gerritse in the presence of Gerrit Gysbertse, Cornelis Gysbertse, Peter Davidtse Schuyler and Melgert Wynantse. The land is divided as hereinafter specified under the aforesaid numbers, whereby it shall appear that regard has been had to the location of the land and homesteads, so that one lot contains more morgens than another, but as the lots (as hereinafter described) are to be drawn, each of the partners is fully agreed, as we hereby declare, that there shall be no change or alteration hereafter, but that each shall hold himself content with the lot which he shall draw, without one nearing the other further than the lots shall stipulate and mention.

Lot no. 1 begins at the foremost land on the west shore by the kill where we last winter slept at night, called by the Indians [blank] and runs northward up along the river to a post standing on the shore which is marked no. 1, and thence runs from the shore through the first flat to a marked oak tree in the cripple bush (*Creupel Boss*) which is marked no. 1; and the person to whom

<sup>1</sup> Manuscript mutilated. The deed from the Indians, dated July 26, 1683, printed on p. 105-07, conveyed the land to Cornelis van Dyk, Jan Janse Bleeker, Peter Phil: Schuyler and Johannes Wendel, but the patent of November 4, 1684, adds the names of Dyrick Wessell, David Schuyler and Robert Livingston, who, it says, are equally concerned in the purchase of said tract of land.

falls lot no. 1 may take his homestead in lot no. 2 on the wood side, it being understood that he who draws no. 2 shall have the first choice of a homestead and then no. 1 shall take but one morgen for his homestead, with the express condition that if no. 1 does not build on this morgen of land, no. 2 shall keep it till no. 1 builds thereon and uses it for his homestead.

Lot no. 2 begins at the post on the shore where no. 1 ends and runs northward up along the river across a little kill to a tree on the side of a still water (*Dooce kill*) marked no. 2, and extends therefrom into the woods.

Lot no. 3 begins at the boundary of no. 2 and runs along the river northward to an oak tree on the shore marked no. 3 and then e straight across the land into the cripple bush by an ash tree also marked no. 3. The person who gets no. 3 shall have the privilege of taking his homestead within the limits of no. 4 by the *visskill* (fish kill) in the same way and on the same conditions as no. 1 with regard to no. 2 and not otherwise, it being understood that he must remain one hundred rods south of the homestead of no. 4.

Lot no. 4 begins where the land of no. 3 ends and runs northwards to the *visskill*.

Lot no. 5 contains all the land lying to the north or on the other side of the *visskill* away up as far as the rights extend, to which is joined the marsh (*vley*) on the west shore between the still water and the land now laid out in lots.

Lot no. 6 begins at the great kill on the east shore where the watershed (*water sheydingh*) is to the north and extends along said great kill on the east shore to the rift and thence southwards down the river to a kill known by the name of Meesen kill, where-to shall belong (because the lot is small) two flats below no. 7, the one flat lying over against lots nos. 2 and 3 and extending therefrom southwards down the river to a flat to us known by the name of the *Eclants* (Elk's) flat, which flat is also comprehended in no. 6 and lies on the east bank about halfway between the land the marsh (*vley*) with all the foreland (*avance*) that lies between lot no. 7 and the aforementioned *Eclants* flat.

Lot no. 7 begins on the south side of Meesen kill and comprehends the whole flat that lies in one piece extending down the river, embracing the woods and the cripple bush lying therein and ends on the south end at a little kill next to a cripple bush.

It is to be observed that all the land embraced and mentioned in the patent of Saraghtoge granted to us, the undersigned seven partners, under date of November 4, 1684, and which is not men-

tioned and expressed in the seven allotments aforesaid shall remain and be in common, always with the understanding that each [partner's claim] shall extend two hundred rods behind his land into the woods, of such width as his lot is, except that one shall be free to cut and haul timber and fire wood outside another's homestead and fences without hindrance or molestation by anyone.

The persons who draw nos. 6 and 7 on the east shore shall have the right of a common road over the arable land on the west shore where it shall be judged to be most convenient by the seven partners; likewise, the man who shall dwell over the *visskill* (fish kill) shall have a right of way according to decision as above.

The allotment was made by means of seven tickets in a hat which were drawn without fraud or deceit by the children of the seven partners as follows:

- Lot no. 1 was drawn by Peter Schuyler
- Lot no. 2 was drawn by Jan Jansze Bleeker
- Lot no. 3 was drawn by Dirk Wessells
- Lot no. 4 was drawn by Johannes Wendel
- Lot no. 5 was drawn by Robert Livingston
- Lot no. 6 was drawn by David Schuyler
- Lot no. 7 was drawn by Cornelis van Dyk

It is agreed by the aforesaid seven partners that if hereafter the Indians should make any claim to the land, no matter whose lot or land it may be, the seven partners, or their heirs or assigns, shall equally bear and pay for the same and no one shall pay more than another. Thus done and performed without fraud or deceit, where-with we declare that we are altogether well satisfied, in Albany the 15th of April 1685, in the presence of Mr Marte Gerritse and Mr Richard Pretty as witnesses called hereto.

Was signed:

PIETER SCHUYLER  
 JAN JANSZ BLEECKER  
 DIRCK WESSELLSE  
 JOHANNES WENDEL  
 ROBT. LIVINGSTON  
 DAVIDT SCHUYLER  
 CORNELIS VAN DYCK

As witnesses:

*Marten Gertsen*  
*Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty*

[End of volume 3 of Deeds]



## DEEDS, VOLUME 4

Deed from Wouter Uythoff and Elisabeth de Lendt (van der Linden) to Claes Laurence Purmerent for farm No. 10 and a corner lot in the village of Schenectady

[35] <sup>1</sup>Know all men by these presents that Teunise Cornelis Swert in his lifetime received and obtained a certain parcel of land at Shinnechtade marked n<sup>1</sup>. 10, lying over the Third kill, to the east N<sup>o</sup>. 9 and N<sup>o</sup>. 6, to the west N<sup>o</sup>. 9 and N<sup>o</sup>. 8, south of the kill,<sup>2</sup> to the river south by west four and sixty rods, comprising four and twenty morgens, five hundred and seventy-six rods according to the Dutch patent thereof, granted by the late Governor Peetrus Stuyvesant of date the 16th of June 1664, and confirmed by the Governor Rit[c]hert Nicolls according to patent of date the 15th January 1667. Likewise the magistrates of Shinnechtady have conveyed and made over to the behoof of Elysabeth van der Linde, widow of the late aforesaid Teunise Cornelise Swert, in the name of her second husband Jacob Meuse Vroman, a certain corner lot in

<sup>1</sup> The following pages contain, besides Professor Pearson's translations of the Dutch documents in volume 4 (or D) of *Deeds*, copies of a few English bonds and memoranda which were appended to these Dutch documents and which were needed to make the record of the transactions complete. The remaining portions of the volume, which are in English, have been omitted, hence the lack of sequence in the original page numbers inserted in the text. The volume is lettered on the back "1688-1708," and the first page is headed: "In the Name of God amen Record of Conveyances and Mortgages of houses & Lands in ye Citty and County of Albany Begunn P<sup>m</sup>o. January 1688." The first deed is dated December 21, 1688, recorded January 1, 1688, and the last deed September 26, 1705, sworn to September 28, 1705, but there are a few documents of earlier date than the one first recorded and two receipts respectively of May 1, 1707, and May 1, 1708. Moreover, at the end of the volume, there are five pages of proceedings of the Court of Sessions for the town and county of Albany, of March 3, 1683, and June 2, 1685, which like the majority of the deeds are in English and have not been included in the present publication.

<sup>2</sup> N<sup>o</sup>. 10: *gelegen over d'Derde Kill, beoosten N<sup>o</sup>. 9 en N<sup>o</sup>. 6 betwosten N<sup>o</sup>. 9 en N<sup>o</sup>. 8 Suyt vant Geberchte*, which in the confirmatory patent of Jan. 15, 1667, reads: "over y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Creek or Kill markt w<sup>th</sup>. N<sup>o</sup>. 10 to y<sup>e</sup> East of N<sup>o</sup>. 9 & N<sup>o</sup>. 6 to y<sup>e</sup> west of N<sup>o</sup>. 9 & N<sup>o</sup>. 8, to y<sup>e</sup> South of ye Hills." About this farm N<sup>o</sup>. 10, see Jonathan Pearson, *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 67-68, where the date of the patent is by mistake given as January 10, 1667.

the village of Shinnectady lying over against the Blockhouse (to wit the Church), in length two hundred feet and in breadth one hundred and seventy feet, having to the south and west the streets and to the east Jan Labathe, according to conveyance of date the 7th of February 1683; and whereas the aforesaid Elysabeth van der Linde some time before her second marriage with Jacob Meuse Vrooman, deceased, bought out all her children procreated by the aforesaid Teunise Cornelise Swart with regard to their father's patrimonial estate, therefore the aforesaid Elysabeth van der Linde has sold all the aforesaid farm lands with the said lot and the house, barn and ricks, etc., thereon standing to Claes Laurence Purmerent<sup>1</sup> for the sum of five hundred and forty beavers, excepting that her son Esias Swert from the aforesaid land is to have [36] forever and as an estate of inheritance a small parcel of land in the corner where in the year 1681 pease were sown, all according to contract of sale thereof dated the 30th of June 1681. For which parcel of land, lot, house, barn, ricks, etc., the aforesaid Claes Laurence Purmerent the aforesaid five hundred and forty beavers has fully paid; therefore Wouter Uttenhoffe and his present wife Elisabeth van der Linden aforesaid have granted, conveyed and made over, as they hereby do grant, convey and make over, to Claes Laurence Purmerent the said farm lands and the lot whereon the house, barn and ricks stood in real and actual possession forever and as an estate of inheritance to the behoof of the aforesaid Claes Laurence Purmerent, his heirs, administrators, or those who hereafter wholly or in part may receive his claim, to dispose of said farm lands and lot and the right and title thereof according to their pleasure, promising the same to warrant and defend from all claims and demands from whomsoever it may be, for which the aforesaid grantor and his wife bind their persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to all courts and judges and in acknowledgment of the truth hereof they have signed and sealed the same on this twenty-fifth day of April, at New Albany, in the fourth year of their Majesties' reign, William and Mary, King and Queen of

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<sup>1</sup> Professor Pearson here supplies the name "Van der Volgen" while in the *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 67, 173, he calls him "Claas Laurence Van Purmerend (*alias* Van der Volgen)." Purmerend is a city not far from Edam in the province of North Holland.

England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defenders of the Faith,  
Anno Domini 1692.

Signed, sealed and  
delivered in pres-  
ence of

*Paulus Martense*  
*Johannes Glen*

N. B. That the eldest son of Elisabeth van d<sup>r</sup>. Linden, procreated by her first husband Teunis Cornelise Swart, the aforesaid purchase of land under date of the 30th of June 1681 and also the above conveyance approves of and confirms forever and ever and in acknowledgment of the truth thereof has signed and sealed this with his own hand

Was signed: CORNELIS SWART (L. S.)  
WOUTER UYTHOFF (L. S.)  
ELISABETH DE LENDT (L.S.)

Recorded 7 January 1692<sup>3</sup>

**Grant of water rights on Beaver kill from the deacons of the  
Dutch Reformed Church at Albany to Melgert Wynantsen  
van der Poel**

[52] Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned, Hendrik van Renselaer and Anthony van Schaik, deacons of the Nether-Dutch Reformed Church of Albany, declare that by virtue of a certain grant which the deacons of this church received from the Hon. Mayor Pieter Schuyler, dated the 4th of October 1689,<sup>1</sup> they have thereof sold and conveyed, as hereby they do convey, to Melgert Wynantsen van der Poel and his heirs the water rights on the Bevers kill below the falls where his sawmill now stands, to maintain a sawmill there, together with one morgen of land adjacent thereto on the north side of the kill, [to have and to hold the same] forever, with this reservation that the aforesaid Melgert van der Poel and his heirs or assigns must pay as rent to the ruling deacons of this church two beavers in boards and four boards more,

<sup>1</sup> This grant was from the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of Albany to the deacons of the Nether-Dutch Reformed Church for "a Certain fall of waters for a Saw mill upon y<sup>e</sup> Bevers Creek Commonly knowne by y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> fall of y<sup>e</sup> Bevers Creek together with ten acres of Land adjoining to said fall on y<sup>e</sup> north of the Creek." It is recorded in English in *Deeds*, 4:14.

yearly, forever. Hereto we bind ourselves and our successors, having signed and sealed this with our own hands in Albany, the 9th of March 1693.

Was signed: HEND<sup>R</sup>. VAN RENSELAER (L. S.)  
 ANTHONY V: SCHAIK (L. S.)

Signed and sealed  
 in presence of

*Johannis Roseboom*  
*Johannis Cuyler*

Record<sup>d</sup>. by

ROB<sup>T</sup>. LIVINGSTON, JUN<sup>R</sup>.

**Bond of Cornelis Dyckman to Cornelis van Dyck, mortgaging  
 Dyckman's land at Canistigione (Niskayuna)**

[74] Know all men that I, Cornelis Dykman, dwelling at Canistigeone, acknowledge that I am honestly and truly indebted to Cornelis van Dyk, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in the exact sum of two hundred and six guilders in beavers, which sum aforesaid I, the aforesaid Dykman, promise to pay with interest according to law in January in the year one thousand six hundred and eighty-six and seven; as security for which I, the aforesaid Cornelis Dykman, bind and mortgage my land lying at Kanistigione heretofore bought of Dirk Hesseling to the aforesaid Cornelis van Dyk, his heirs and administrators or any one of them, the same to be at any time declared forfeited; thus done without fraud or deceit according to all laws in the year one thousand six hundred and eighty-five in the first year of his Majesty's reign, James the Second by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, in presence of two credible witnesses, with his own hand signed and sealed December 20th, 1685.

Was signed:

CORNELLIS DYKMAN (L. S.)

Signed and sealed  
 in presence of  
*Rynier Barcns*  
*Gerr<sup>t</sup>. Lansing*

**Receipt by Hendrick van Dyck, eldest son of Cornelis van Dyck,  
 deceased, for seven pounds paid by Johannes Dyckman on  
 account of the bond given above**

I underwritten Hend: van dyk Eldest sonne and heir of Mr  
 Cornelis van dyk late of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany Deceased and moreover



attorney made by y<sup>e</sup> Tutors and oversiers<sup>1</sup> (appointed in y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Deceased's Last will and Testament) to Receive all such summe and summes of money as are due owing to the Estate of s<sup>d</sup>. Deceased doe [therefore]<sup>2</sup> acknowledge to have Received of Johannis Dyckman sonne of y<sup>e</sup> abovenamed Cornelis Dykman y<sup>e</sup> summe of seven pounds Currant money of this Province upon account of y<sup>e</sup> above Mortgage and Doe further hereby stopt y<sup>e</sup> Interest of the above Mortgage from y<sup>e</sup> Date hereof to y<sup>e</sup> arrivem<sup>t</sup>. of s<sup>d</sup>. Corn: Dykman hier or at alongs<sup>3</sup> to p<sup>m</sup>. Novemb. next Ensueing In wisse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand in Alb. this 14<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1701<sup>4</sup>

H V DYCK

**Memorandum of assignment of the mortgage given above**

Alb: y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of Decemb. 1701

Then appeared M<sup>r</sup>. Joh<sup>s</sup>. Abeel and produces an assignm<sup>t</sup>. of hend: van dyk in quality as above written who thereby assigns and setts over unto y<sup>e</sup> said Joh<sup>s</sup>. Abeel all y<sup>e</sup> Right title & Intrest which he y<sup>e</sup> said van dyk hath or ought to have to y<sup>e</sup> abovementioned mortgage as by said assignment in y<sup>s</sup>. book on folio 226 more at Large doth appear<sup>5</sup>

ROBT. LIVINGSTON JUN<sup>r</sup>. *D Cl*

**Bond of Philip Philipsen de Moor to Anna Cuyler whereby said de Moor mortgages his farm called De Willigen at Schenectady together with satisfaction of said mortgage**

[81] Know all men that I, the undersigned Phillip Philipx d'Moor, of the county of Albany, acknowledge that I am honestly indebted to Anna Cuyler, widow of the late Hendrik Cuyler, for goods re-

<sup>1</sup> Overseers.

<sup>2</sup> Thus in the original, meaning that the word "therefore" should be omitted.

<sup>3</sup> Read: "at the longest."

<sup>4</sup> This receipt and the following memorandum were written in English.

<sup>5</sup> This assignment, duly recorded in *Deeds*, 4:226, as above indicated, is in English and dated the 13th of December 1702. It is accompanied by a certificate of Ph. Livingston, clerk, dated March 6, 1737, stating that an original assignment was produced to him, executed by Christophel Abeel, son of John Abeel, deceased, Goose van Schaick, who married one of the daughters of said Abeel, and Rutger Bleeker, attorney to the executors of said Abeel, dated the 14th of February 1737, whereby they made over to Cornelis van Dyck of the city of Albany the contents and their interest in the above "surrender" and also produced an original discharge and acquittance from said Cornelis van Dyck for the consideration money in full for the mortgage executed by Cornelis Dyckman, recorded on folio 74 of the same book.

ceived and debts assumed for Lea, widow of Claes Willemsen<sup>1</sup> altogether in the sum of eight hundred and eighty-five guilders and three stivers seawan; likewise I acknowledge that by a final settlement of accounts I owe Pieter Luykasse, free negro of N. York, for wages earned by him three hundred and eighteen guilders seawan, amounting with the above written altogether to the sum of one thousand, two hundred and three guilders and three stivers, which aforesaid sum of *f* 1203:3 I promise honestly to pay to the aforesaid Anna Cuyler, her heirs, or the bearer hereof. Hereto I bind my person and estate, specially my farm land above Schanhegtade called De Willigen [the Willows],<sup>2</sup> comprising about twenty morgens, and that nothing thereof shall be sold before said entire debt shall have been paid, for which I further bind my heirs and administrators. Thus with my own hand signed and sealed in Albany, this 26th of May 1693.

The mark P P and seal of PHIL:  
PHILIPSE (L. S.)

Signed and sealed in  
presence of  
*M: Creiger*  
*Stevanus Groesbeck*

Albany ye 14<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> 1706

I underwritten doe acknowledge to have Rec<sup>d</sup>. of Ph: Phillipse the summe of seven pounds nineteen shillings Curr'money of n: yorke which is the Remaind<sup>r</sup>. due by ye<sup>e</sup> above mortgdage & all payd & satisfied Rec<sup>d</sup>. my me

JOHANNIS CUYLER, *Esq<sup>r</sup>*

**Deed from Wouter Aersen to Johannes Cuyler for a house and lot outside the north gate of Albany**

[97] Know all men by these presents that Wouter Aersen Ramaker,<sup>1</sup> late of the city of Albany, declares that he has conveyed as he hereby does convey in true, rightful and free ownership to Johannes Cuyler of the aforesaid city of Albany a certain house and lot at Albany without the north gate, having to the south the lot of Barent Bratt, heir of Jan Janse Noorman, deceased, and to the north the house and lot of Hillegont, widow of Ryck Claesen;

<sup>1</sup> Professor Pearson here supplies the name "Van Coppinol."

<sup>2</sup> About this farm see Professor Pearson's *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 70, 167, 183, 185.

<sup>3</sup> The original of this satisfaction is in English.

<sup>4</sup> Meaning "wheelwright," not "sashmaker," as Professor Pearson translates the variant form *Raemmaker* in *Early Records of Albany*, v:184.

which he does by virtue of a patent granted to him by Governor Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls, deceased, dated May 18, 1667,<sup>1</sup> in breadth to the west on the street four rods English, being three rods, 10 feet, 8 inches Rhineland measure, and also by virtue of a conveyance to him given by Sweer Teunissen van Velsen, dated June 12, 1678,<sup>2</sup> in breadth six rods, 2 feet and 6 inches, together ten rods, one foot and two inches; to the east ten rods, seven feet and two inches; in length to the south (between the street lines of the houses, front and rear) eight rods and a half and to the north eight rods nine feet and a half Rhineland measure; and that free and unincumbered, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, giving therefore full power to the aforementioned Johannes Cuyler, his heirs and administrators to do with and dispose of the aforesaid conveyed house and lot as he might do with his other effects, defending said Johannes Cuyler and his successors from all trouble and claims either in or out of court in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Thus with my hand signed and sealed in New York this 2d of November 1696.

Was signed:

The mark + and seal of WOUTER AER-  
SEN, made with his own hand (L. S.)  
GRIETIE WOUTER (L. S.)

Signed and sealed  
in presence of  
*Leonard Letwis*  
*Joh: Grocnendyk*

Recorded in Albany y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of Ap<sup>l</sup>. 1697 by

R<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON JUN<sup>r</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> This was a confirmation of the ground brief granted by Stuyvesant to Jacob Symonsen Klomp, dated October 25, 1653, and made over by Klomp to Aertsen on November 9, 1655, for a house and lot in Beverwyck "having to the South Wynan van d'Poole to the West a certain way to the North Jan Jansen Cuyper and to the East the Waggon way, conteyning in length tenn Rod three foot & in breadth foure Rod. Together with another Lott of Ground, & a Garden lying by the Lott: N<sup>o</sup>. 27, being in Length seven Rod, & in breadth five Rod lying upon a square."

<sup>2</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:184-85.

**Mortgage by two Mahican Indians of their land at Schaghticoke  
to Robert Sanders**

[108] We, the undersigned, Gekameek and Massehaes, Mahikan-der Indians, acknowledge and declare that whereas we are indebted to Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders in a considerable sum in beavers, as appears by his books, we bind to him all our right and title [to land] which we have at Skachkook, which shall have effect till we have paid him in full and if the city of Albany shall happen to buy said land, then Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders shall be paid the just value of the land as it shall then be bought by the city. In witness of the truth of which we have signed this with our hands on the 18th of September at Albany 1686.

This is X the mark of GEKAMEEK

This the mark X of MASSEHAES

As interpreters of the above:

*Abraham Schuyler*

*Abraham Cuyler*

In my presence, *Jan Becker*, Notary Public

Recorded in Albany this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1698.

**Power of attorney from Margareta van Slichtenhorst, widow of  
Philip Schuyler, deceased, to Willem Banken (Banker), mer-  
chant at Amsterdam**

[109] Appeared before me, Dirk Wessells, mayor of the city of Albany, lying in the province of New York in America (*olim* N: *Nederlant*), the worthy Madam Margareta van Slichtenhorst, daughter of the late Brant Aertse van Slichtenhorst, widow of the late Phillip Schuyler, deceased, assisted by Mr Evert Banken, her chosen guardian and tutor in this matter, who, being qualified by the will of her husband deceased to dispose of the real estate devolved upon her by inheritance from her father deceased, declared that in the best and most effectual manner possible according to law she had constituted and appointed, as she, Madam Margareta van Slichtenhorst, hereby does constitute and appoint, the Honorable Willem Banken, merchant at Amsterdam, her attorney, in her, the principal's, name and on her behalf to convey and make over her interest in a certain property and estate lying in the province of Gelderlandt, one of the seven provinces of the United Netherlands, in the jurisdiction of Niewkerk in the Veluwe, called Gyse Westphalinx estate, lying at Slichtenhorst, with its high and low lands, sowed and arable lands, together with all the fens, growing timber, buildings and all the appurtenances, rights and claims thereof, noth-

ing excepted; consent and approval to ask where and in such way as shall be proper, and furthermore all other things to do and to perform which she, the principal, if she herself were present, according to the nature of the estate might and could do and perform, and to call two or more sealers thereto who are freeholders in the Veluwe, with power to substitute one or more persons: promising to hold as good, binding and valid whatever shall be done in this matter by the aforesaid attorney, under promise of guaranty and indemnity as by law provided. In witness of the truth of which I, the undersigned mayor of the city of Albany, and two aldermen of the court of the same have signed these with the principal and issued thereof an authentic instrument bearing the seal of this city and the signatures and caused the same to be recorded by our secretary at the requisition as above. Done in Albany in America on the eleventh day of May 1698.

MAERGRITA VAN SLYCHTENHORS

*Dirck Wessells*, Mayor  
*Jan Vinhaegell*, Alderman  
*Jan Lansingh*, Alderman

In my presence,  
 ROB<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON

**Agreement between the heirs of Maria Damen and the representatives of her surviving husband Cornelis van Nes in regard to the release of the latter's interest in his wife's estate**

[111] Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, and in presence of the honorable magistrates of the said jurisdiction, Mr Gerritt Banker, husband and guardian of Elisabeth van Eps, and Mr Marte Cregier, husband and guardian of Jannetic Hendriks, both sons-in-law of the late Maria Dame, deceased, undertaking [also] for Jan van Eps, son of said Maria Dame, deceased, at present at Shinnechtady, of the first part, and Hendrik and Gerrit van Ness, attorneys for their father Cornelis van Ness, of the second part, who declared that in all love and friendship they had contracted and agreed with each other in regard to the buying out of said Cornelis van Ness's interest and claim in and to the estate of his late wife Maria Dame, in manner following.

First, Hend<sup>k</sup>. and Gerrit van Ness declare that by virtue of a power of attorney from their father Corn: van Ness they renounce and absolutely relinquish the whole estate, as well real as personal,

rights and claims, which they hereby make over with all the profits and losses thereto appertaining to the said Mr Gerrit Banker, husband and guardian of Elisabeth van Eps, Mr Marte Cregier, husband and guardian of Jannetie [112] Hendrikse, both daughters of the late Maria Dame, deceased, and to Jan van Eps, son of the said Maria Dame, deceased, for the sum of five thousand seven hundred guilders in seawan, to be paid with beavers or wheat at seawan prices, in three instalments, to wit: one just third part in January or February A°. 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ , one just third part in January or February 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and the last third part in January or February A°. 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ , for the punctual payment of which sum of  $f5700$  seawan at the times aforesaid Mr Gerrit Banker, Mr Marte Cregier and Jan van Eps bind themselves jointly and severally as principals.

As regards the debts and credits contracted and given during the marriage of Cornelis van Ness and Maria Dame, they shall be for the profit and loss of Mr Gerrit Banken, Mr Marte Cregier and Jan van Eps, to be collected and paid in full without the children of Cornelis van Ness by virtue of their power of attorney aforesaid meddling therein in any way: on the contrary, the debts and credits made by Cornelis van Ness before his marriage with said Maria Daeme, deceased, shall be for the profit and loss of said Cornelis van Ness without the children of Marie Daeme, deceased, having anything to do therewith.

It is further stipulated that Cornelis van Ness within the time of eight days shall surrender and give possession of the entire estate aforesaid to Mr Gerrit Banker, Mr Marte Cregier and Jan van Eps, they giving him a proper outfit of clothing, bed and bolster with their appurtenances, his Bible and ropemaker's tools and especially an extract from his account book showing all claims and obligations made and executed before the marriage with Maria Daeme which will be of service to him in the collection and payment of all debts and credits as specified above; and furthermore Cornelis van Ness reserves to himself the real estate possessed by him before his marriage, hereby annulling the force and effect of the will made by Corn: van Ness and Maria Daeme under date of the 29th of April 1677, excepting that the provision remains intact that each party, viz. the children of Maria Daeme for their mother, and Cornelis van Ness for himself, shall bear and pay each his or their [113] share of the debts contracted before the marriage and neither shall be asked or holden to pay the other's debts. With all of which the parties mutually declare that they are satisfied, the said

Cornelis van Ness having thereby completely sold out his interest in the estate aforesaid. For the performance of what is hereinbefore written the parties in the capacities aforesaid mutually bind their respective persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all lords, courts and judges. Done in Albany on the 7th of July 1681.

GERRIT BANKEN  
M: CREGIER JUNIOR  
HEND: VAN NESS  
GERRIT VAN NESS

*Cornelis van Dyk*  
*Dirk Wessells*

In my presence,

RT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Recorded in Albany  
y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1698  
p. R<sup>t</sup>. L. J<sup>r</sup>.

**Release of all demands from the sons of Cornelis van Nes to the heirs of Maria Damen**

To all men to whom this present writing shall come, Hendrik van Ness with his two brothers Gerrit and Jan van Ness, sons of Cornelis van Ness, send greeting. Know ye that we the aforesaid Hendrik, Gerrit and Jan van Ness by virtue and authority of a certain writing or power of attorney to us given by Cornelis van Ness our father, of date the 25th June 1681, have contracted and agreed with the surviving children and heirs of Maritje Dame, deceased, in her lifetime the wife of said Cornelis van Ness, in regard to the right and claim which said Cornelis van Ness had or might assert to the estate and that for the sum of five thousand and seven hundred guilders in seawan, as by said contract at large appears; the receipt of which aforesaid sum from the hands of Jan van Eps, Gerrit [114] Banker and Marte Cregier, son and sons-in-law of the aforesaid Maritie Daeme, deceased, we, the undersigned Hendrik, Gerrit and Jan van Ness thankfully acknowledge, with which aforesaid sum of five thousand seven hundred guilders seawan received by us as above we acknowledge ourselves in the name of Cornelis van Ness fully satisfied and paid and we therefore clearly and absolutely acquit and release the aforesaid Jan van Eps, Gerrit Banker and Marte Cregier, their heirs, executors and administrators of every part and parcel thereof, promising to free them from all trouble

and claims which might be set up by the aforesaid Cornelis van Ness, his heirs, executors and administrators.

In witness whereof the aforesaid Hendrik, Gerrit and Jan van Ness have set their hand and seals hereto in Albany on the twenty-fourth day of March anno 1684<sup>th</sup> in the 3d year of his Majesty's reign.

HEND: VAN NESS (L. S.)

GERRIT VAN NESS (L. S.)

JAN VAN NESS (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and  
delivered in presence of  
*Dirck Wessells*  
*Henderick Cuyler*

Recorded ye 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1698

#### Agreement between the heirs of Maria Damen respecting the division of her property

On this day, the 5th of August 1686, Marten Cregier of the one part and Gerrit Banker, having also power of attorney from Jan van Eps, jointly of the other part, have in all love and friendship agreed, covenanted and contracted with each other in form and manner following:

First, in respect to the house and lot of the aforesaid Cregier, standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, wherein Jeronemues Wendel now dwells, which aforesaid house and lot now absolutely belongs to the said Cregier alone, without the aforesaid Banker or the aforesaid Van Eps, jointly or severally, having the right to make or cause to be made any further claim thereto, the aforesaid Banker [115] and the aforesaid Van Eps promise that the said house and lot shall be conveyed to the said Cregier free and unincumbered, by virtue and according to the contents of the lawful patent thereof.

Second, respecting a certain considerable sum of three thousand and five hundred guilders Holland money at present in the hands of Mr Abel d'Wolf, merchant at Amsterdam in Holland, the said sum of *f* 3500 being money left as an inheritance and bequest to the aforesaid Cregier's wife Jannetje by her father Hendrik Andriesen, deceased, and her mother Maritie Damen, deceased, only mother of the aforesaid Van Eps, the aforesaid Banker's wife Elisabeth and Jannetie aforesaid, wife of the said Cregier, it is agreed that of said sum of *f* 3500 Holland money the aforesaid Cregier or his order shall draw and receive, in lieu of his aforesaid wife's father's inheritance as well as of her aforesaid mother's inheritance, the sum of



one thousand seven hundred and fifty guilders Holland money, with this reservation or condition that all the expenses which may be made or incurred in Holland in connection with said sum shall be chargeable to the aforesaid Cregier, the aforesaid Banker and the aforesaid Van Eps, to wit, to each a just third part, wherewith the aforesaid Cregier, as well for himself as for his wife aforesaid completely waives and relinquishes their right of inheritance in the aforesaid sum of *f* 3500 Holland money, with promise of the aforesaid Cregier and his wife aforesaid nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner.

Third, as to the estate in this country left by the aforesaid Maritie Damen, deceased, mother of the aforesaid Van Eps, Elisabeth and Jannetie aforesaid, therein shall each participate and share to the same extent whenever the parties shall proceed to the division and settlement thereof. Furthermore, the parties shall adjust and settle among themselves their private accounts, both those between themselves and those concerning the estate and of the expenses which [116] have been made and incurred in this country each party shall bear his own share.

In confirmation of all that is hereinbefore written and for the full performance and execution of the same, the parties mutually bind their respective persons and estates, nothing excepted, subjecting the same to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, and furthermore before and in presence of Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Cornelis van Dyk, called hereto as trustworthy witnesses, they have signed and sealed these with their own hands, without fraud or deceit. Thus done in Albany on the date above written.

M: CREGIER (L. S.)  
GERRIT BANKEN (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Dirck Wessells*  
*Cornelis van Dyck*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1698

**Deed from Mohawk sachems to Reynier and Jan Quackenbos for land at Kanistagajoene (Niskayuna)**

[172] Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned, Roode and Sagodiogquisax, both sachems of Cagnewage and Canagere, being also empowered to act for Thodorasse, declare that we have heretofore sold and granted a certain parcel of land of woodland, which parcel of woodland we are now inclined to convey, be-

cause we are old people and it may perhaps be a long time yet before we have a governor general in the land, owing to which unfortunate absence of the governor general no grant can now be had; therefore, we declare that we have sold, granted and conveyed as we hereby do sell, grant and convey to Rynier and Jan Quackenbos, or their heirs, a certain parcel of woodland lying on the Kanistagajoensse river, beginning at the old marked black bark oak tree where Claes van Boekhoven's claim ends, which tree stands on the side of the aforesaid river, running thence from the river to another white bark oak tree which is marked with the wolf, standing near the dwelling of Jan Quackenbos aforesaid, being by estimation about two thousand paces long and so far into the woods northward as all the other neighbors have privilege; for which aforesaid parcel of woodland we acknowledge that we have been fully paid and satisfied, desiring therefore furthermore that when a governor general shall have arrived it may please his excellency to grant a patent for the aforesaid parcel of woodland to the aforesaid Reynier and Jan Quackenbos, or their heirs. In witness whereof we have subscribed this with our own hands and marks and sealed in Albany this 25th of September 1689.

Was signed:

The mark X of ROODE, made with his hand (L. S.)

These marks X were X made by SAGODIQUISAX with his own hand (L. S.)

Signed and sealed

in presence of

*P<sup>r</sup>. Schuyler*, Justice

*Dirk Wessells*, Justice

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1700

### Contract of sale of a house and lot in Albany between Douwe Aukes and Jean Rosie

[176] We, the undersigned, Douwen Aukas<sup>1</sup> of Shanheghtade village and Jan Rosie of Albany city, acknowledge that we have agreed with each other as follows, to wit:

D. Aukas aforesaid acknowledges that he has sold and J. Rosie that he has bought the seller's house and lot standing and lying here in Albany city aforesaid between the houses of Willem Hogen and

<sup>1</sup> Intended for Douwe Aukes, that is, Douwe, the son of Auke, both Douwe and Auke being distinctly Frisian names. About him see Jonathan Pearson, *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 83-85.

Mr Jacob Staets, as broad as the drip on both sides now lies, in length to the Rutten kill, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five beavers in money, in two payments, the first payment, the half, on the first of May 1699, and the other payment on the first of May anno 1700, when the seller promises to deliver a proper deed to the buyer or his heirs. Hereto the contracting parties bind their persons, estates and heirs. Thus with their own hands subscribed and sealed in Albany this 10th of January 1699.

DOWE DE: A. AUKAS (L. S.)

JAN \* ROSIE (L. S.)

Signed and sealed  
in presence of  
*Joh: Cuyler*  
*Carol Haensen*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1700.

#### **Marriage contract between Jan Hendricksen van Salsbergen and his son-in-law Richard More**

[179] Know all men by these presents that Jan Hendrikse van Salsbergen, dwelling in Claverak in the county of Albany, of the one side, and Richard More, now in Albany, now having entered into wedlock with Geesie Janz, daughter of said Jan Hendrikse, [of the other side], therefore that said Jan Hendrikse and Richard More with each other have agreed and contracted in manner and form following: namely, that the said Jan Hendrikse van Salsbergen conveys and makes over to the said Richard More in consideration of his marriage with his said daughter his certain bowery being and lying at Claverak, with his house, barn, orchard, cattle, horses and hogs, and all that belongs thereto, as the same lies inclosed and by Jan Hendrikse is possessed, which the aforesaid Richard More shall receive after the death of the said Jan Hendrikse and Jannetie Janz: his wife, excepting four cows and ten horses, viz, six mares, two stallions and two geldings, which must then be divided between him and the other three children, to wit, Hendrik, Harme and Luykas Janz van Salsbergen.<sup>1</sup> For which the said Richard More promises the said Jan Hendrikse and his wife, now his father-in-law and mother-in-law, during both their lives to abide with them and honestly, truly and uprightly them to maintain

<sup>1</sup> According to a note in *Early Records of Albany*, 1793, Jan Hendricksen van Salsbergen married twice: first, Emmeke Lucasse, and secondly, January 30, 1693, Tanneke Janse, widow of Ryk Riddersen. It is also stated that he had four sons: Jan, Lucas, Henrik, and Harmen, who settled in Claverack or Kinderhook, and had families, with the exception perhaps of the first. Jan Hendricksen probably came from Salzbergen, a town in Hanover, close to the Westphalian border, in Germany.

in all that is needful and with good obedience them to serve, for which he shall have from this time for his use the aforesaid bouwery, etc. Furthermore, after the death of said Jan Hendrikse and his wife it is his will and desire and he therefore conveys and makes over to the said Richard More and Geesie, his wife, the real just fourth part of his whole estate as well of land as otherwise, being and lying at Claverak aforesaid, which shall be divided with the said Jan Hendrikse's aforesaid three children, whereof the said Richard More shall have the preference and first choice, with the understanding that the aforesaid conveyed bouwery shall be therein included, to wit, in his fourth part. In acknowledgment of the truth, the parties have signed and sealed this with their hands in Albany, the second day of November in the 12th year of his Majesty's reign, A<sup>o</sup> 1700.

his

JAN X HENRIKSE VAN SALSBERGEN (L. S.)  
mark

RICHARD MORE (L. S.)

Signed and sealed

in presence of

*Jacob Tuke*

*R<sup>t</sup>. Livingston Jun<sup>r</sup>.*

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have received of Richard More the full contents of the above marriage contract and discharge the aforesaid Rich<sup>d</sup> Moore from all claims and demands from us and our heirs. Which we witness in Albany the 10th of October 1707.

his

HENDRICK X VAN SOLSBERGE  
mark

his

HARME X VAN SOLSBERGE  
mark

HEND: HANSEN in behalf of the children  
of Luykas Van Salsberge

**Acknowledgment by Douwe Aukes of the final payment by Andries Davidsen for a parcel of arable land at Schenectady sold to his father David Christoffelsen and promise to deliver a conveyance**

[181] Know ye that I, the undersigned, Douwen Aukas of Shinnectady in the county of Albany bought in Albany A<sup>o</sup>. 1681, Aug. 22, at public vendue of the heirs of Maritie Damen, deceased,

etc., executed by Johannis Provoost, then vendue master, a certain half lot of arable land which I afterwards sold and delivered to David Christoffelsen (for the sum of one hundred and five beavers value) being and lying at Shinnechtady aforementioned between the land of Jan Baptist van Eps and the land of the heirs of Jacob Sand. Glen, at present in possession of Claes van Petten, and whereas according to my best knowledge there was still coming to me four beavers or something more or less, I have on the date hereof received four beavers in money by way of final payment; I therefore promise to do my further duty to demand a conveyance thereof from said Jan Baptist van Eps and Evert Banker and Martin Cregier, heirs of Maritje Damen aforementioned and so soon as the same is received to deliver a proper conveyance of the aforesaid half lot of land to Andries Davidson, son and heir of said David Christoffelsen, deceased.

Hereto I bind my person and estate, heirs and administrators, thus with my hand signed and sealed in Albany, May 1, 1700.

Was signed:

The mark D A and seal of DOUWEN

Signed, sealed and de-      AUKAS, made with his hand (L. S.)  
livered in presence of:

*Ryer Shermerhoorn*

*Jonas Dow*

*Johannis Cuyler*

Recorded the 31<sup>th</sup>: Decem 1700

**Release by Anna Cuyler, widow of Hendrick Cuyler, of her interests in a garden lot to the south of the city of Albany conveyed by her late husband to the city magistrates**

Know ye that Hendrik Cuyler, in his lifetime burgher and inhabitant of Albany, N<sup>o</sup>. 1686, before the obtaining of the charter of Albany city, released a certain garden lot to the magistrates of Albany aforementioned, lying in the great pasture of the Church of Albany to the south of said city, being by Pieter Hartgers in his lifetime made over to the aforesaid Hend: Cuyler by the purchase of a certain house and lot (conveyed the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1667):<sup>1</sup> and whereas the honorable consistory of said church desire a written release, therefore I, the undersigned Anna Cuyler, widow and administratrix of the aforementioned Hendrik Cuyler, deceased, of N: York City, confirm what was done in the matter by him, the said Hend: Cuyler, and for the behoof of the aforesaid Church

<sup>1</sup> See *Early Records of Albany*, 1:421.

consistory forever I have signed and sealed this with my oldest son Johannis Cuyler thus in N: York, May 24, 1700.

ANNA CUYLER (L. S.)

JOHANNIS CUYLER (L. S.)

Signed and sealed in  
presence of  
*Johannis Abeell*  
*Harf. Jacobsen*

Recorded the 31<sup>st</sup> of Decemb<sup>r</sup>. 1700.

**Quitclaim deed from the heirs of Teunis Dircksen van Vechten to the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany for a parcel of ground in the great pasture of said church to the south of the city**

[182] Know all men by these presents, that I, the undersigned, Dirk Teunisen van Vechten, eldest son and administrator of my father Teuniss Dirksen, deceased, declare that I and my brothers Cornelis and Gerrit Teunise and Sister Pietertie, wife of Myndert Fredriksen, have sold and released to the honorable consistory of the Nether Dutch Reformed Church of Albany a certain parcel of ground which our father aforesaid long before this purchased at vendue, lying in the great pasture of the aforesaid church to the south of this city of Albany, between the place of the old fort and the house of Pieter Bogardus, for which ground (as an acknowledgment) we have received three silver punch bowls, each of seven and a half pieces of eight and Gerrit for his fourth a silver beaker, together thirty pieces of eight current money of this province; we therefore release the aforesaid ground and all further claims which by reason of our father aforesaid we may have had in said great pasture and fully make over the same to the behoof of the consistory of the aforesaid church now and forever, binding ourselves as by law provided. Thus signed and sealed in Albany, June 29, 1700.

Was signed:

DIRK TEUNISEN (L. S.)

Signed and sealed in the  
presence of  
*Johannis Roschoom*, ald;  
*Evert Wendel*, ald;  
*Johannis Cuyler*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1700.

**Deed from Johannes Appel, attorney of his father Adriaen Jansen Appel van Leyden, to the Dutch Reformed Church at Albany for a parcel of ground in the great pasture of the church to the south of the city**

[183] Know all persons by these presents that I, the undersigned, Johannis Appel, specially empowered by my father Adriaen Appel (otherwise Adrian Jans van Leyden), acknowledge that for and in consideration of ten pounds, ten shillings, current money of this province to my content received from the honorable consistory of the Nether Dutch Reformed Church of Albany, and the further payment herewith of the remainder of a certain obligation, due from Jan And<sup>r</sup>. Dow to the deacon dated March 6, 1683<sup>1</sup>, in the principal sum of one hundred and eighteen guilders with the full interest thereof, I have sold and hereby convey to the consistory aforesaid a certain lot of ground lying in the great pasture of the aforesaid consistory, to the south of the city of Albany, between the place of the old fort and the house of Pieter Bogardus, in breadth front and rear five rods and eight feet, in length fourteen rods, according to patent of Gov. Petrus Stuyvesant of date Dec. 16, 1654, confirmed by Gov. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Nicolls of date May 22, 1667, in which confirmation is inserted another lot of ground five rods broad and seven rods long, and if the same lies also in the great pasture aforesaid it is included herein, as by contract of sale of date April 18, 1700, conveying all absolutely to the behoof of the consistory now and forever, binding myself thereto as by law provided.

Thus signed and sealed in Albany November 1, 1700.

Was signed:

JOANIS APPEL (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
*Johannis Cuyler*, justice  
*Peter van Brugh*

Re.orded the 31<sup>th</sup> December 1700

**Deed from Jacob Jansen van Noortstrant to the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany for a lot in the great pasture of the church to the south of the city**

[184] Know all men by these presents that Jacob Janse van Noortstrant of Albany, acknowledges that heretofore he sold to Jacob Tysen van der Heyden in his lifetime a lot for a garden, lying within the limits of the city of Albany in the great pasture

of the consistory of Albany aforesaid, bounding now on the garden of the heirs of Jacob Schermerhoorn, deceased, and the little pasture of Robert Sanders and Johannis Beekman, by allotment N<sup>o</sup>. 19, in breadth four rods and a half rod, length six rods and a half; and whereas there was never given any conveyance for the aforesaid lot, therefore Anna, widow of said Jacob Tyse van der Heyden, (in consideration of another garden lot conveyed this day by the deacons of the church of Albany to said widow's son Dirk van der Heyden, lying on the plain behind the fence of Marselis Janz, deceased), has requested him to convey the aforesaid lot to said deacons, as he hereby does convey the aforesaid lot to Johannis Cuyler and Evert Banker, deacons of said church, with all his rights therein, conveying the same by virtue of a certain patent to him granted by the late Governor Petrus Stuyvesant of date the 25th of October 1653,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, acknowledging furthermore that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor and therefore giving full power to said deacons and to their successors to do with and dispose of the aforesaid lot as they might do with their other property, and that forever. Thus signed and sealed with my own hand in Albany, December 1, anno 1700.

Was signed:

JACOB VAN NOORTSTRANT (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
*David Schuyler*, alderman  
*Johannes Bratt*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> December 1700

### Inventory of the estate of Sybrant van Schaick

[187] Inventory taken at the house of Elisabeth van der Poel, widow of the late Mr Sybrant van Schaick,<sup>2</sup> master brewer of this place, on the 20th of May, 1686, at New Albany.

<sup>1</sup> The record of this patent, like that of all other patents of 1652 and 1653, is lost and there seems to be no confirmatory patent for the property.

<sup>2</sup> Sybrant van Schaick was a son of Goosen Gerritsen van Schaick, who in the accounts of the colony of Rensselaerswyck is entered under date of April 8, 1637, as "Goosen gerretsz van westerbroeck." Though there is a place by the name of Westerbroeck (also called Westbroeck) in the province of Groningen, it is likely that Goosen Gerritsen came from Westbroek, a village about three miles north of Utrecht, and that he was related to Gerrit van Schaick, a brewer at Amersfoort, who between 1547 and 1579 repeatedly was chosen as councilor, schepen and burgomaster of that city, the same as Aert, Jacob, Willem and Hendrick van Schaick, or van Schaeck, during the following century. See *Van Rensselaer Bowier Mss.* p. 758, 811-12, and Abraham van Bommel, *Beschryving van de stad Amersfoort*, 2:583-633.



## Beavers

The brewery with its belongings, the house and lot by her now occupied. . . . .	f	4,000	
A piece of land lying at Kinderhoek in joint ownership with Mr Pieter Shuyler. . . . .		400	
A negro, negress and child. . . . .		1,040	
Two horses and a cow and 1 fat beast. . . . .		272	
Seven hogs . . . . .		72	
One log chain and 1 scythe and 2 axes. . . . .		28	
Two horse hames and two bridles. . . . .		24	
A saddle and 1 riding cushion [pillion]. . . . .		12	
For Goose <sup>1</sup> a pair of pistols with holsters. . . . .		32	
A sword and belt for Goosen. . . . .			
A good gun and two old ones. . . . .		40	
A cane and two slates. . . . .		8	
Five earthen platters and 3 earthen mugs. . . . .	13	13	
Two hats . . . . .		20	
A round wooden box. . . . .		2	
A clothes brush . . . . .		2	
Two earthen cups . . . . .		1	
A bed pan. . . . .		6	
A looking glass. . . . .		14	
A punch bowl. . . . .		8	
A little trunk to keep papers in. . . . .		6	
A portmanteau . . . . .		2	
A clothes chest . . . . .		10	
A small pine clothes press. . . . .		28	
Amounting with the principal to. . . . .	f	0,040	13
[188] Two wooden benches and a baby walker. . . . .		5	
Five large chairs and 2 little ones. . . . .		5	
One cradle . . . . .		2	
A small cupboard and a large cupboard. . . . .		8	
Three water pails . . . . .		10	
Two kettles . . . . .		13	
Four iron pots, large and small. . . . .		18	
A copper stewpan . . . . .		16	
Two small copper gravy pans. . . . .		5	

<sup>1</sup> Goose van Schaick.

Two small brass scales and 1 skimmer.....	f	6	
Eleven pewter platters.....	}		
Twenty-five pewter plates.....			
Two pewter bowls.....			
Two pewter bottles.....		96	100
Two pewter mustard pots.....			
A pewter salt cellar and one earthen ditto.....			
A pewter nursing bottle and 14 pewter spoons..			
A copper funnel .....		2	
A pepper box and 1 tin funnel.....		1	
A tin kettle.....			15
A large stone jug and 1 two-quart can.....		4	
This reckoned	}	Three pewter pints and two pewter cans .....	0 0
under pewter above			
A small box with needles.....		12	
A pair of boots.....		16	
A meat tub and a pork barrel.....		14	
Five butter tins and a churn.....		8	
A pair of tongs and shovel.....		6	
Two pairs of andirons. { .....		48	
An iron hearth plate.. { .....			
Two Bibles .....		32	
A church service book with silver trimmings....		28	

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Amounting with the principal to.....	f	6,387	13
[189] Seven hand books small and large.....		16	
A half pound of sewing and stitching silk.....		14	
A quarter [pound] of candle wick.....			17
A marking iron .....		1	
A gridiron and small trivet.....		4	
Two chimney chains.....		6	
An empty brandywine cellar with bottles.....		8	
Four glass bottles.....		1	
Five earthenware pots.....		3	
A saltbox and pepper box.....		1	
A pothanger and pancake pan.....		6	
A cot .....		6	
Two beds and two bolsters	}		160
Seven pillows and 1 cushion			

Nine bed covers and a white spread.....	<i>f</i>	50
Two curtains for the bedstead.....		10
Two bedsteads .....		22
An iron stand.....		9
Three linen chimney valances.....		4
A sewing basket and a sewing cushion.....		1
A chopping knife and a flat iron.....		5
A brass mortar	}	8
Two small tin baskets		
A cotton sanitary belt.....		2
Three black dresses for the children and 1 hat..		40
Twelve children's shirts, large and small	}	8
Four shirts somewhat larger		
Some neckcloths and bands for the children	}	16
Some children's linen caps and the silk cap		
Twenty men's and women's large shirts.....		70
Twenty-two Osnabrück towels.....		7
Six napkins .....		2
A white tablecloth and two colored ditto.....		2
Six pairs of white pillowcases.....		24
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Amounting with the principal to.....	<i>f</i> 6,906	10
[190] Light bed sheets.....		30
Seven pairs of men's undersleeves	}	20
One dozen white nightcaps		
Twenty-five women's caps.....		20
Ten neckkerchiefs without lace.....		12
And two ditto with lace.....		20
One large white linen neckkerchief with lace	}	16
And two black silk ditto		
Six white aprons without edging	}	26
And 2 ditto with edging		
A black Tours [grosgrain] apron.....		9
Sixteen white linen neckcloths	}	16
Two dozen pocket handkerchiefs		
Eight white linen hoods	}	16
Seven pairs women's undersleeves		
One pair of man's white linen breeches and	}	0
One ditto of unbleached linen		
Six pairs of children's linen undersleeves, old	}	8
Five white linen children's aprons		

Sixteen children's caps		
Four children's white linen hoods	{	f 12
Three children's neckkerchiefs	}	
Ten women's neckcloths		8
Three children's tuckers		
Two fans		4
N. B. A little coral chain <sup>1</sup> for Catie		
Four children's neck cloths		
A red silk ensign with gold and silver fringe		48
Nine silver spoons $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs		56
N. B. A silver bell and chain for Goosen		
N. B. A silver medal and chain for Catie	}	
A silver hair pin and headdress		
A silver knife and silver toothpick		28
A silver braid and some buttons		
A box with ribbons		8
A box with seawan, pipes and checkers		
Two silver beakers and a punch bowl		90 10

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Amounting with the principal to	f 7,360	
[191] A gold signet and a gold ring	32	
A small piece of gold and silver	20	
A pair of silver trouser buttons	4	
Three black aprons	32	
A white and green apron	24	
A red serge petticoat	16	
Two crape bodices, 1 colored, 1 black	16	
A black silk bodice	}	
A pair of white and a pair of blue stockings		32
A white under-waistcoat	}	
A pair of colored and a pair of man's black		
worsted stockings and two pairs of gloves, a		8
pair of white thread woman's gloves		
A black cloth mantle		40
Two men's black coats, 1 black breeches and 1		
doublet		40
Two man's colored cloth coats and 1 breeches		16
Two pairs of gold buttons		16
A pine dining table		2

<sup>1</sup> *Brant korale ketentic*; meaning either a necklace of special coral, or else an amber bead chain.

A pair of chamois skin breeches and 1 serge under-waistcoat with silver buttons..... f	4	
Three table knives.....	1	10
Two tuns of strong beer.....	20	14
100 lb shot.....	18	
One child's white spread.....	6	
A parcel of silver buttons.....	7	13
A parcel of swaddling cloths.....	16	
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Amounting with the principal to..... f	7,737	17

The above is the whole account and inventory of the estate (except the book debts and credits)

Was signed:

LYSBET VAN DER POEL

The value of the effects was appraised and agreed upon as above, by us,

LIVINUS VAN SCHAIK  
ANTHONY VAN SCHAIK  
JAN LANSINGH

*Lysbett van der Poel*

In my presence,

*J: Becker*, Notary Public

**Agreement between the widow of Sybrant van Schaick and the guardians of his minor children in regard to said children's paternal inheritance**

[192] On this date, the first of June, at New Albany 1686, being in the second year of the reign of our sovereign king of Great Britain, James the second of that name, Elysabeth van der Poel, widow of the Sybrant van Schaik, of the one side, and Anthony van Schaik, Jan Lansingh and Livinus van Schaik, as guardians authorized thereto by the court of this place, upon statement and inventory and appraisal of all the property, both lying and standing, real and personal, debts and credits, have in all love and friendship agreed with each other in regard to the apportionment of the property among the children, to wit, Gose aged about nine years, Catharyna aged about seven years, Anthony aged about five years and Gerrit aged about two years.

Each of the aforesaid children shall receive for his or her paternal inheritance sixty good, salable beaver skins, at eight

guilders beaver value apiece; furthermore, the aforesaid Gose and his sister Catharyna shall each receive five beaver skins of the value above named coming from their late uncle Gerrit van Schaik; furthermore, Gose shall receive two pistols with holsters coming from his grandfather Goosen van Schaik, also a sword and baldric, a silver rattle bell and a silver chain coming from his grandfather Teunis van der Poel; also for Catharyna a silver medal and silver chain coming from her grandmother Catharyna van der Poel and a coral chain; which aforesaid monies and goods the aforesaid Elysabeth shall pay to the aforesaid children to each in particular, when they shall come to maturity or enter into wedlock and furthermore a proper outfit as the aforesaid mother shall then in conscience think fit.

Furthermore, all the aforesaid children and each in particular shall participate in the inheritance which may come to her, Elysabeth, hereafter from her side to the same extent as each of those children who hereafter may be borne by her in lawful wedlock and in the meanwhile the aforesaid Elysabeth shall be holden the aforesaid children during their minority to provide with food, [193] clothing and proper education, and also to have them learn some honest art or handicraft thereby in after times to earn their living, and furthermore to do all things as an honest and faithful mother is bound to do. Furthermore if one or more of the aforesaid children happen to die under lawful age then his or their portion shall go to the other child or children. Also as about two hundred beavers of book debts are found which the savages or Indians owe, on which at present little can be counted, the aforesaid mother binds herself to pay to the aforesaid children the just half of what shall be received therefrom. Also, if there happen to be found debts and credits without this jurisdiction, they shall inure to the profit and loss as well of the mother as of said children.

For the just performance of what is above written, the aforesaid Elysabeth van der Poel specially binds her house and lot lying in this city, now occupied by her, and also the brewery with the ground whereon it stands and all its appurtenances, and furthermore her person and estate, nothing excepted, [submitting the same] to the control as by law provided.

And whereas the contracting parties herein mentioned are well satisfied with all that is hereinbefore written, therefore they each for himself for the just performance of the same, bind their persons and estates, subject to the laws thereto provided and have

without craft or guile subscribed with their own hands and sealed this at the house of the aforesaid Elysabeth, *datum ut supra*.

Witnesses:	LYSBETT VAN DER POEL	(L. S.)
<i>Dirk Teunise</i>	ANTHONY VAN SCHAÏK	(L. S.)
<i>Ben: van Corlaer</i>	LIVINUS VAN SCHAÏK	(L. S.)
	JOHN LANSINGH	(L. S.)

In my presence, J. BECKER, *Notary Public*

### Marriage contract between Bennony van Corlaer and Elisabeth van der Poel, widow of Sybrant van Schaick

[194] In the name of the Lord, Amen.

Know all men whom it concerns, that on the second day of the month of June, at New Albany 1686, being in the second year of the reign of our sovereign king of Great Britain, James the second of that name, Bennony van Corlaer, young man and present bridegroom of Elysabeth van der Poel, widow of the late Sybrant van Schaik, who left behind four children by her to whom yesterday was apportioned their father's estate as by the settlement thereof appears: which widow is now minded to enter into wedlock for the second time; therefore, before entering into the same they have caused this their marriage contract to be drawn up, as they do hereby, in manner following:

First, the parties bring together all monies, goods, claims and credits, nothing excepted, which they have individually, the same to be possessed by them in common.

Second, the monies and goods which the bride during marriage may receive by inheritance and if she happen to die during the marriage before her future husband, her aforesaid four children shall participate in equally with the other children who during the marriage may come to be lawfully procreated.

Third, the aforesaid Elysabeth during marriage happening to die before Bennony, he shall release the just half of the whole estate and property to the behoof of the children aforesaid and those whom they may have together in order to let each of the said children participate therein equally with the others, but the clothes and all that belongs to the bride's body shall be for the children alone, the bridegroom retaining and keeping whatever belongs to his body, and the household furniture and effects shall

also be set aside and remain in the full possession of the survivor. The bride being the survivor of the two shall remain in possession of the whole estate and effects, without interference by anyone whomsoever or anyone demanding security, much less the delivery of an account and inventory thereof during the time of her widowhood, but again entering into wedlock she shall also release a just half, but the clothing, household furniture and chattels shall go as was said of the bridegroom above.

[195] Furthermore, the bride shall have the power to choose guardians as she pleases. Also, the survivor remains holden to bring up honestly according to their estate and condition the children which are now living and which may yet by them together come to be procreated, until their maturity, and also to cause them to learn some honest trade whereby afterwards to earn their living.

This the aforesaid bridegroom and bride declare to be their earnest and deliberate will and promise the same faithfully to perform, submitting themselves hereby to all courts and judges and have in witness of the truth subscribed this with their own hands and sealed it at the house of the aforesaid bride standing in this city, on the date above written, in the morning about nine o'clock.

LYSBET VAN DER POEL (L. S.)

BENNONY VAN CORLAER (L. S.)

Witnesses:

*Licinus van Schayk*

*Dirk Teunise*

In my presence,

J. BECKER, *Notary Public*

Recorded by R<sup>t</sup>. LIVINGSTON JUN<sup>r</sup>. *D.Cl.*

#### **Release by Goosen van Schaick of his paternal inheritance**

I, the undersigned, Goosen van Schayk, eldest son of Sybrant van Schaick, deceased, of the city of Albany, acknowledge hereby that I have received from my step-father Bennony van Corlaer in full satisfaction of my paternal inheritance the sum of sixty beavers in money together with what was further apportioned to me in the settlement between my mother Elysabeth and my guardians dated the 1st of June 1686, and I therefore release my aforesaid step-father and said mother from all further claims with



regard to the aforesaid inheritance. Thus subscribed with my own hand and sealed at Albany this 1st of January 1704.

Was signed:

GOOSE VAN SCHAYK (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Johannis Cuyler*, alderman  
*Adriaen Quackenbos*  
*Andries Cooyeman*

**Release by Adriaen Quackenbos of his wife's paternal inheritance**

[196] I, the undersigned, Adriaen Quackenbos, as husband and guardian of Catharyna, daughter of Sybrant van Schaick, deceased, of the city of Albany, acknowledge hereby that I have received from my wife's step-father Bennony van Corlaer in full satisfaction of her paternal inheritance the sum of sixty beavers in money together with what was further apportioned to her by the settlement between her mother, my mother-in-law, Elisabeth, and my wife's guardians, dated the 1st of June 1686, therefore I release our step-father and aforesaid mother from all further claims with regard to the aforesaid inheritance. Thus with my own hand signed and sealed in Albany, this 1st of January 1704.

Was signed:

ADRYAEN QUACKENBOS (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Johannis Cuyler*, alderman  
*Goose van Schaick*  
*Andries Koeyemans*

**Release by Bennony van Corlaer to his step-son Goose van Schaick of his third interest in land at Kinderhook purchased by Col. Pieter Schuyler, Sybrant van Schaick and Jan Tysen Goes**

Know all men by these presents that I, the undersigned, Bennony van Corlaer, of the city of Albany, declare that in consideration of a certain sum of money I have partly sold and furthermore given to my step-son Goose van Schaick, eldest son of my predecessor Sybrant van Schayk, deceased, my right in the land heretofore

bought by Col. Pieter Schuyler and my predecessor aforesaid with Jan Tysen Goes, lying at Kinderhoek near Pompoenick, on the little kill, by the claim of Majr. Jan Hendrikse Bruyn, in the county of Albany, according to patent thereof in the hands of said Col. Pieter Schuyler. I therefore hereby fully relinquish my said rights, to wit, the first third part of the land and rights in said patent and conveyance thereof, to the said Goosen van Schayck, his heirs and administrators forever, binding thereto my person, heirs and administrators. Thus with my hand subscribed and sealed in Albany the first of January 1704.

BENNONY CORLAER (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Johannis Culyer*, alderman  
*Adryaen Quackenboss*

Record[ed] y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1704

**Bond of Bennony van Corlaer to Barent Pietersen Coeymans  
mortgaging his house and brewery in Albany**

[197] Know all men by these presents, that I, the undersigned, Bennony van Corlaer, of the city of Albany, acknowledge that my predecessor Sybrant van Schayk, deceased, remained indebted to Barent Pieterse Koeyman of Albany county in the sum of two hundred and sixty-six guilders in beavers with the interest at six to the hundred yearly, by obligation of date the 6th of November 1685, and also by entry in the book of said Van Schayk written with his own hand. Also, I acknowledge that I am indebted to said Bar: Koeyman in the sum of thirty-seven pounds, twelve shillings, ten pence for wheat heretofore received, likewise the remainder of interest thereon reckoned from the 25th of May 1694, amounting to six pounds, five shillings; furthermore that I have now received the sum of thirty pounds current money of this province, being in payment of the remainder on the (former old house and) lot brought by my aforesaid predecessor of Major Abraham Staets, deceased, and in payment of the remainder to Goosen and Catharyna, two children of lawful age of my wife Elysabeth van der Poel, according to her settlement with the guardians of date the 1st of June 1686.

Which above written obligation and the debt by me made, being the principal sum of sixty-seven pounds, twelve shillings and 10 pence current money aforesaid, with interest thereon at six to the

hundred yearly, I honestly promise to pay to the abovesaid Barent Koeyman, his heirs and administrators, likewise the aforesaid six pounds, five shillings at the time when my aforementioned wife's youngest child by her first husband shall become of age and not before; binding hereto my person and estate, specially my house and half interest in the brewery, with all the ground thereto belonging, standing and lying here in Albany city aforesaid between the house of said Abraham Staets's widow Catryn Joehuis and the house of Juriaen van Hoesen, [promising] that nothing thereof shall be sold before and until said whole debts and interest shall be paid, always with this understanding that in case said mortgaged house and lot should be sold before the coming of age as aforesaid then the aforesaid debts and interest shall be at once paid out of the proceeds.

Whereto I further bind my heirs and administrators. Thus with my own hand subscribed and sealed in Albany this first of January 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Was signed:

BENNONY V: CORLAER (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Johannis Cuyler*, alderman  
*Goose van Schayk*  
*Adryaen Quackenboss*

Recorded p<sup>mo</sup>. January 170 $\frac{1}{2}$

**Decision of referees in the matter between Geurt Hendricksen and Barent Albertsen Bratt of Half Moon in regard to the fencing of their respective lands**

[200] Memorandum that on the 5th of June 1683 the Court ordered the following decision to be recorded, which as it is not found under its date of September 16th, nor yet in any other place, is therefore here recorded as follows:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Court to decide the dispute between Geurt Hendrikse and Barent Albertse Bratt, residents of the Halve Maen, in regard to their fences, pursuant to the order of the Court dated June 5, 1683, therefore now judge and find that each shall fence his own land, that is, that Geurt shall fence his land on the main shore and that Barent Albertse likewise shall have to fence his island and that if any loss come to

him by the trespassing of either Geurt's or other people's cattle, he must suffer the same and also make good the damage done by himself or his men to any cattle, in so far as the same is due to his land not being fenced, and all this according to his offer. Done in Albany, the 16th of September 1683.

Was signed: MARTE GERRITSE  
HENDRIK VAN NESS

Upon collation this is found to agree with the original.

*Quod attestor,*

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb. 1704

**Agreement between Geurt Hendricksen and Barent Albertsen  
Bratt in regard to the fencing of their lands at Half Moon**

[201] Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned, Geurt Hendriksen of the Halve Maen in the county of Albany, and Barent Albertsen Brad of the city of Albany, neighbors as to lands in the Halve Maen aforesaid, declare that we have agreed with each other in love and friendship as follows, to wit: Respecting the fencing of their lands in the aforesaid Halve Maen, namely, that they shall maintain the partition fence on the division line of their lands in common, and instead of Barent Bratt's being obliged to fence his island according to the decision of the 16th of September 1683, recorded in the Secretary's office, he shall now build a fence of one hundred and forty rods in length around the arable land of Geurt Hendriksen, at the north end, where it shall be indicated, and maintain a sufficient fence, the water fence to be made there to be in common, as short or as long as shall be required, and each to keep his pasture inclosed so as to be tight against cattle, forever.

As to cattle belonging to one party which may trespass upon the other's land, each party shall be holden to look out for and prevent this, and whenever this shall happen, said cattle shall be driven away without being injured, and they shall thus warn each other as neighbors in the spirit of friendship ought to do; wherewith the aforesaid decision relating to the fencing of said island shall now be annulled, the parties promising that they will lawfully perform the above agreement and contract, each with regard to his own part thereof.

Binding hereto our persons and properties, heirs and administrators, we have respectively signed and sealed this with our own

hands in Albany, this 21st of February and in the twelfth year of his majesty's reign *Annoq. Dom. 1704*

Was signed:

GEURT HENDRIKSEN (L. S.)

BARENT X ALBERTSEN BRAD (L. S.)

his mark & seal

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

*Johannis Cuyler*, Justice

*Anthony Bratt*

*Jacobus Schoonhoven*

**Deed from Willem Teller, Senior, to his son Johannes Teller for land at Schenectady**

[209] Know all men by these presents that I, the undersigned, Willem Teller, senior, of N: York City, in consideration of the fact that in the year 1690 my son Johannis Teller's cattle, household goods, etc. at Schinnechtday were destroyed by the enemy from Canada and he was carried away captive, whereby his family was impoverished, and for other reasons me thereto moving, declare that I have sold and conveyed, as I hereby do convey, to my aforementioned son Johannis certain farm lands with all the right and title thereto as he occupies and possesses the same, lying at Schanh: aforesaid in the county of Albany, comprising two lots of arable land, the first lying between the lands of Evert van Eps and Isaac Switts which he lately bought of the heirs of Maritjen Damen, deceased, and the second lot between Hendrik Brouer with Tryntic Pieterse Borsboom and the heirs of Barent Jansen, deceased, at the rear end of the arable land, each lot being accounted twelve morgens or thereabouts; likewise a house and lot in the village of Schanh: aforesaid between the heirs of Pieter Jacobse Borseboom and Rynier Schaits, deceased, with a lot of pasture land containing two and a half morgens or thereabouts between Adam Vroman and Tryntic aforesaid, extending to the Maquas river, and also a garden lot over the mill dam in the low ground between Harme Vedder and Claes Purmerent, all in size according to the patent or other writings thereof, whereto reference is herein made: all which shall be delivered to said Joh: Teller: giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the abovesaid Johannis

Teller, his heirs, administrators and assigns, to do with and dispose of the farm lands, etc., as afore specified as he might do with his other effects, forever, with this understanding that the same shall devolve upon the children of the aforementioned Joh: Teller, to be made over to son or sons with such compensation or satisfaction to the daughters as he in conscience shall find to be proper: promising the aforementioned lands and rights aforesaid to warrant and defend from all trouble and claims which may hereafter arise; whereto I further bind my person, heirs, administrators and assigns forever, under submission as by law provided. In confirmation of which I have with my own hand subscribed and sealed this in Albany this 20th of June and in the twelfth year of the reign of King William, over England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the faith, *Annoq. Dom. 1700*

WILLIAM TELLER (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Wessell ten Brook*, alderman  
*Johannis Cuyler*

*Albany 1701 aprill the 22.<sup>th</sup>*

Then appeared before me Johannis Bleeker Esq. Justice of ye peace Joh: Cuyler afores<sup>d</sup>. and Declared upon oath on ye Holy Evangelist the signing sealing & Delivering of these presents by William Teller aforesaid as his voluntary Act & Deed to ye use aforementioned.

Sworne before me

JOHANNIS BLEEKER, *Justice*

Recorded in Albany ye 22<sup>th</sup>. of aprill aforesaid

**Deed from Jan Verbeeck to Wouter Storm Brad *alias* Wouter van der Zee for a house and lot in Albany**

[210] Know all men by these presents that I, the undersigned, Jan Verbeeck, formerly magistrate of Albany city, declare that I have sold as I hereby do sell and convey to Wouter Storm Brad *alias* Wouter van der Zee said Jan Verbeeck's house wherein he now dwells together with the lot and the adjoining alley of five feet,

lying here in Albany on the Brouwers stract,<sup>1</sup> between the house of Marten Gerritse, deceased, and the heirs of Rynier Schaets, deceased, which lot is fifteen feet and some inches broad in the rear, the breadth in front on the street being that of the house and alley aforesaid, length on the north side eight rods and six feet and furthermore as it lies fenced (acknowledging that he has received therefore to his full satisfaction the sum of seventy-five beavers, to wit, forty-five pounds current money of this province), which he does by virtue of a patent from Governor Richard Nicolls dated the 26th of April 1667,<sup>2</sup> being also specified in a special mortgage on said house and lot dated the 17th of February 1684, giving therefore full power to said Wouter van der Zee and his heirs to do with and dispose of said house and lot according to his pleasure, forever. In confirmation of which I have hereto set my hand and seal in Albany this 10th day of February in the tenth year of his Majesty's reign A<sup>o</sup>. 1698.

his  
 JAN X VERBEEK (L. S.)  
 mark

Signed, sealed and delivered  
 in presence of  
*Dellius*  
*Pr. Schuyler*

**Deed from Cornelis Vynhout and Jacquemyn, his wife, to  
 Lowies Viele for land at Schenectady**

[215] Know all men by these presents that Cornelis Vynhout and Jacquemyn, his wife, of Ulster county, declare that by virtue of the conveyance from the trustees<sup>3</sup> of Schinnectady in Albany county granted to the aforesaid Jacquemyn, late widow of Pieter Cornelise Viele, deceased, dated the 12th of December 1684 (which Bennony Arentsen,<sup>4</sup> her late second husband, left to her on the 29th of April 1690) and in consideration of a certain counter writing executed on

<sup>1</sup> Now Broadway.

<sup>2</sup> On this date Jan Verbeeck received a confirmatory patent upon a conveyance made to him by Dirck Bensick and Harman Jacobsen Bombus [Bamboes], bearing date the first day of May 1657, for "a certain House and Lott of Ground lying in Beverwick at Albany containing in breadth on the west side fifty seven foot, and on the East forty seven foot and a halfe wood measure with the Fence as it then lay in breadth, & so to stretch along the Fence in Length as in the Groundbriefe is sett forth."

<sup>3</sup> *gemeens mannen*.

<sup>4</sup> Bennony Arentsen van Hoeck.

the date aforesaid<sup>1</sup> by her son of her former marriage Lowis Viele, they have sold as they do sell and convey to him nineteen morgens of land and eighty-two rods on the second flat on the other side of the Maquas river, provided he pay every year a skipple of good winter wheat for every morgen, to be delivered to the receiver at Schinnechtady aforesaid, to commence on the 12th of December 1699, and also pay all the village taxes and furthermore with the understanding that if said Lowis Viele or any of his heirs wish to sell the aforesaid land, the trustees shall have the first choice, but not being able to come to any agreement with them, he shall be free to sell the same to whom he pleases, according to the contents of the above mentioned conveyance to which reference is herein made. In witness of the truth this is subscribed with their own hands and sealed in Kingstoune, the 12th of March 17<sup>00</sup>/<sub>00</sub>.

his

CORNELIS (X) VYNHOUT (L. S.)

mark

her

JAQUEMYN X VYNHOUT (L. S.)

mark

Sealed and delivered

in presence of

*Johannis Cuyler*

*Barent van Benthuyssen*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup>. 28 of may 1701

**Promise of Lowies Viele to pay to Cornelis Vynhout the sum of fourteen pounds and all the debts of his late father Pieter Viele and step-father Bennony Arentsen in consideration of the conveyance to him of certain land in Schenectady**

[216] Memorandum that Lowies Viele, of Schinnechtady in the county of Albany, in consideration of a certain conveyance by his step-father Cornelis Vynhout and natural mother Jacomyna on the date underwritten to him delivered for some land at Schinnechtady, acknowledges that he has undertaken to pay to said Vynhout the sum of fourteen pounds current money of this province within the time of three years and in default of which then interest also at six in the hundred yearly, the aforesaid debt being the half or thereabouts of what the abovesaid Vynhout has paid for his wife's sake to Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, and promising furthermore also to pay all

<sup>1</sup> Thus in the original, but probably referring to the following bond of the same date as the present deed.



debts of my late father Pieter Viele and step-father deceased Bennony Arentse until the wedding day of my mother with Cornelis Vynhout aforesaid.

Thus done in Kingstoune, this 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1701.

	his
Sealed and delivered	LAWAIS N VILLE (L. S.)
in presence of	mark
<i>Dirk Wessels</i>	<i>Vera copia</i>
<i>Johannis Cuyler</i>	Pr me
<i>Barent van Benthuysen</i>	R. BLEEKER, Cl.
	Recorded ye 2 <sup>d</sup> June 1701
	in Albany

**Bond of Ryer Schermerhoorn and Jan Wemp, in the name of the trustees of Schenectady, to pay the debts of the late Pieter Viele and Bennony Arentsen van Hoeck and of Jacquemyn Swart, wife of Cornelis Vynhout<sup>1</sup>**

Know all men by these presents that I Ryer Schermerhoorn & Jan Wemp of ye toune of Shinnectady in Places Trusties in Behalfe of ye toune aforesaid doe bynde ourselves heirs and assigns to pay or cause to be paid to all persones as shall Pretend to have any sune or sommes of money dues or Demands by fair account made in ye Citty and County of Albany by Pieter Viele Deceased, Bennony van hoek Dec<sup>d</sup>. or Jaquemyntie Swart or Either of them untill ye marrige day of ye s<sup>d</sup>. Jaquemintie Swart with Cornelis Vynhout of Ulster County wherefore wee ye s<sup>d</sup>. Ryer Schermerhoorn and Jan Wemp doe acknowledge to be Indebted as aforesaid and binde our selves heirs and assigns to pay or Cause to be paid to all such persones as afores<sup>d</sup>. as have any such pretence as aforementioned In witnesse whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and seales in Albany this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June A<sup>o</sup>. Do: 1701.

Was signd  
 RYER SCHERMERHOORN (L. S.)  
 JAN WEMP (L. S.)

Signed & sealed  
 in ye presence of  
*Tho: Williams*  
*Volkert Symonse*

<sup>1</sup> This bond was written in English.

**Contract of sale between Sybrant van Schaick and Tierk Harmensen for Jan Gowen land north of the farm of the late Captain Schuyler**

[217] On this 20th day of January 168 $\frac{1}{2}$  appeared before me, Adriaen van Elpendam, notary public residing in New Albany, and before the hereinafter named witnesses, Sybrant van Schaik, of the one part and Tierk Harmense, of the other part, who hereby acknowledge that in love and friendship they have agreed and contracted in manner following, namely: Said Sybrant van Schaik acknowledges that he has sold and Tierk Harmense<sup>1</sup> that he has bought a certain piece of land called Jan Gowen land,<sup>2</sup> lying adjacent to the great marsh (*zulley*) past the farm of the late Capt. Schuyler, which said land is delivered at once to the buyer according to the patent thereof, dated the 28th of September 1672,<sup>3</sup> signed by the Honorable General Francis Lovelace; for which the buyer promises to pay to the seller, or his order, the sum of four hundred and sixty good, merchantable inch pine boards, and to deliver said boards on the point near the *Greene Bosch* (pine woods), to wit, next May 1685 two hundred boards and the remaining two hundred and sixty to be delivered in May 1686.

Hereto the contracting parties bind their persons and estates, nothing excepted, subject to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, and have signed the original hereof (in presence of Harmen van Gansevoort and Mr Andries Teller, called as witnesses hereto) with their own hands in N: Albany on the date above written.

Upon collation this is found to agree with the original remaining in my custody.<sup>4</sup> In N: Albany, the 20th of January 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Quod attestor*

Was signed: ADRIAEN VAN ELPENDAM, *Not. Pub.*

Recorded in Albany ye 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1701

**Receipt by Bennony van Corlaer for the payment for the land mentioned above, sold by Sybrant van Schaick to Tierk Harmensen**

I, the undersigned, Bennony van Corlaer, successor of Sybrant van Schaik, deceased, of the city of Albany, acknowledge that I

<sup>1</sup> Apparently Tjerk Harmensen Visscher.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning the land of Jan Cornelissen Vyselaer, *alias* Gow.

<sup>3</sup> No record of this patent is found.

<sup>4</sup> The original is in *Notarial Papers*, 2:504.

have received from Tierk Harmense the value of four hundred and sixty boards in payment for a certain piece of land called Jan Gowen land, lying adjacent to the great marsh (*valley*) beyond the farm of the late Capt. Schuyler in the colony of Renselaerswyk in the county of Albany, according to the patent thereof from the Honorable General Francoys Lovelace, deceased, dated the 28th of September 1672, by Sybrant van Schaik sold and delivered to Tierk Harmense aforesaid, as by contract of sale written by Adriaen van Elpendam, late notary public, dated the 20th of January 1684; therefore, I release the aforesaid Tierk Harmense and his heirs from all further demands respecting the aforesaid four hundred and sixty boards. Thus executed with my hand and seal in Albany, this 24th of June 1701.

Was signed:

B. CORLAER (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Joh: Cuyler*, alderman  
*Robert Livingston, Jun<sup>r</sup>*. D. Cl.

#### Deed from Teunis Pietersen to Johannes Appel for a lot in Albany

[221] To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Teunis Pieterse of the county of Albany sends greeting in our eternal Lord God: Know ye that for and in consideration of the sum of ninety beavers current money of this county paid down, at and before the sealing and delivery of this by Johannis Appel, smith, burgher and inhabitant of the city of Albany, the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges and therefrom and every part thereof, fully, clearly and absolutely discharges, releases and frees him the aforesaid Johannis Appel, his executors, administrators and assigns, forever, and therewith acknowledges himself to be fully and completely paid, content and satisfied, he, the aforesaid Teunis Pieterse, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to the aforesaid Johannis Appel, a certain lot lying [222] in Albany whereon said Appel has built a new house, to the south of Harme Bastiaense and to the north of Claes Rotterdam, being in breadth in front on the street twenty-four wood feet and in the rear against the lot that heretofore Teunis Slingerlant owned also twenty-four wood feet; in length as well on the south side as on the north side six rods

Rhineland measure, with all the profits, advantages and appurtenances to said lot belonging or in any wise appertaining, together with all instruments, proofs and writings relating to and confirming the whole of aforesaid or any part thereof; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given this day by Harme Bastianse, to which reference is herein made, to have and to hold the said lot with two and a half feet behind on the north-west corner of said lot away up the hill for an alley, together with all that thereto appertaining, to the aforesaid Johannes Appel, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in his or their quiet and free possession against all persons to warrant and by these presents forever to defend.

In witness whereof Tennis Pieterse has hereto set his hand and seal in Albany this 12<sup>th</sup> May 1685.

Was signed:

TEUNIS PIETERSE (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

*Pieter Schuyler*, Justice of the Peace

*Johannis Wendell*, Justice of the Peace

Recorded p<sup>mo</sup>. Octob. 1701

**Bond of Johannes Appel to Marten Cregier of Canastigeone,  
with mortgage of said Appel's house and lot as security for  
the payment of money loaned to him**

[222] Know all men by these presents that I, the undersigned, Johannes Appel of the colony of Renselaerswyk in the county of Albany, hereby acknowledge that I have received of Mr Marten Cregier, of Canastagione in said county, the sum of fifty pounds current money of this province, upon interest for the term of two years, eight to the hundred yearly; which aforesaid sum of £50 with the interest I promise honestly to pay again to the aforesaid Marten Cregier or to the bearer hereof, to wit, the first year's interest on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1702, four pounds current money aforesaid, and at the close of the second year, being the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1703, the aforesaid principal sum of fifty pounds and the remaining interest thereon;

Hereto I bind my person and estate, heirs and administrators, and specially my house and lot standing and lying here in the city of Albany on Parrel street, to the south of Hester, widow of Harme Bastiaense, deceased, and to the north of Gerrit Roseboom, being in

breadth in front on the street twenty-four wood feet and behind against the lot which on the date hereof I have conveyed to said Roseboom also twenty-four wood feet, in length as well on the south side as on the north side six rods Rhineland measure, as by conveyance thereof dated May 12, 1685, recorded on the date hereof, with the understanding that from the aforesaid house and lot nothing shall be sold before and until the aforesaid principal sum and interest shall be paid so that if need be the payment may be recovered therefrom without cost and loss and in case the aforesaid house by fire or other calamity (from which may God preserve) be destroyed and the lot can not meet it, then I bind further my lands where I now dwell at Onitskotha on the kill which flows out by Barent Pieterse Coeyman's in said colony of Renselaerswyk for the effectual payment aforesaid. Thus with my hand subscribed and sealed in Albany this first day of October in the 13th year of his Majesty's reign A<sup>o</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>. 1701.

Was signed:

JOHANNIS APPEL (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
*Johannis Cuyler*, Justice of the Peace  
*Elsie Cuyler*

Recorded p<sup>mo</sup>. octob. 1701

N. B. The above bond & mortgage is on p<sup>mo</sup>. June 1704 Discharged as by this Record on folio 304 may appear.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The same bond and mortgage was by mistake recorded again on page 232. The satisfaction of the mortgage on p. 304 is as follows:

"Whereas Johannis Appel of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Renselaerswyk in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany on y<sup>e</sup> first day of Octob. A<sup>o</sup> 1701 gave bonde unto Mr. Marten Cregier or to them that might produce y<sup>e</sup> same for y<sup>e</sup> summe of fifty pounds Currant money of this province with y<sup>e</sup>. Intrest for two years at Eight pct<sup>o</sup>. per annum with a Mortgage upon his house and Lott of ground in y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany in Parrel street &<sup>a</sup>. so as y<sup>e</sup> same is the said Day Recorded in y<sup>e</sup> book N<sup>o</sup> D: folio 222 which said house and Lott is now belonging to Claes Vonda of y<sup>e</sup> said citty Cujier [Cooper?] Now Know yee that I underwritten Jannetie Cregier wid<sup>w</sup>. & Relict of y<sup>e</sup> said Marten Cregier doe acknowledge to have Rec<sup>d</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> said Johan<sup>s</sup>. Appel by y<sup>e</sup> hands of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Claes Vonda in two severall payments the Contents of y<sup>e</sup> said bond & mortgage which with y<sup>e</sup> Intrest is fifty and Eight pounds Currant money as aforesaid doe therefore for myself my heirs Ex<sup>ts</sup>. and ad<sup>rs</sup>. discharge y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Joh<sup>s</sup>. Appel his heirs Executors ad<sup>rs</sup>. and assigns fully by these presents. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal in Albany y<sup>e</sup> first day of June in y<sup>e</sup> third year of her Maj<sup>ty</sup>. Reign annoq. D<sup>o</sup>. 1704

Signd sealed and Delivered in y<sup>e</sup> presence of

Was signd

*Johannis Cuyler*, Justice  
*Gysbert Marselis*

JANNETIE CREGIER (L. S.)

p<sup>mo</sup>. June 1704 Recorded."

Bond of Johannes Appel to Andries Coeymans, with mortgage of said Appel's house and lot as security for the money loaned to him and satisfaction of said mortgage by Andries Coeymans

[227] Know all men by these presents that I, the undersigned, Johannes Appel, of the colony of Renselaerswyk in the county of Albany, acknowledge hereby that I am honestly indebted to Mr Andries Coeyman of said colony of Renselaerswyk in the sum of twenty-seven pounds current money of this province upon interest for the term of two years, which aforesaid £27 with the interest at eight per cent, amounting yearly to two pounds three shillings, 2½ pence, I promise honestly to pay again to the aforesaid Andries Coeyman or to the bearer hereof, to wit, the first year's interest on the third of October 1702 and with the close of the second year, being on the third of October 1703, the aforesaid principal sum of twenty-seven pounds and the remaining interest thereon.

Hereto I bind my person, property, heirs, and administrators, specially my house and lot standing and lying here in the city of Albany to the south of Hester, widow of Harma[n] Bastiaensen, deceased, and to the north of Gerrit Roseboom, being in breadth in front on the street twenty-four wood feet and behind against the lot which I on the first of this month of October conveyed to said Gerrit Roseboom, also twenty-four wood feet; in length as well on the south side as on the north side six rods Rhineland measure, as by conveyance thereof dated May 12, 1685, with the understanding that from the aforesaid house and lot nothing shall be sold before or until the said principal sum and interest shall be paid. Thus with my hand subscribed and sealed in Albany this 3d of October 1701.

Was signed

JOHANNIS APPEL (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of

*Johannis Cuyler*, Justice of the Peace

*Elsie Cuyler*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 170½

*Albany y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1704*

I underwritten Andries Coeyman of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Renselaerswyk in y<sup>e</sup> County of Albany doe acknowledge to have Received from Johannes Appel of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Colony the contents in y<sup>e</sup> abovementioned

mortgage doe therefore acquit and Discharge y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Appel his heirs Ex<sup>rs</sup>. & ad<sup>rs</sup>. for Ever, wisse my hand y<sup>e</sup> day & year abovewritten.

ANDRIES COEYFMANS

**Contract between Claes Willemsen Coppernol and Philip Philip-  
sen for the conveyance of the Willow Flat at Schenectady in  
exchange for the land of Jan Mebic and the sixth flat on the  
north side of the Mohawk river**

[234] In all love and friendship, in presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Claes Willemse Coppenhol, of the one part, and Phillip Phillipse,<sup>1</sup> of the other part, acknowledge that they have agreed and contracted in the matter of an exchange, in the manner following, to wit: Claes Willemse promises to deliver and convey to Phillip Phillipse his lawful share and right in the *willige vlackte* (Willow Flat) and woodland according to patent, with the house and other buildings, to wit, the land on the first of September 1689 and the house and other buildings the 22d of April 1690, in return for which Phillip Phillipse promises to make over to Claes Willemse also at the aforesaid time his rights in the land by him received from Jan Mebee, with house, barn and ricks, earth and nail fast, together with the sixth flat on the other side of [235] the river, in such condition as he has possessed the same, provided he pay to the Dorp<sup>2</sup> the rent due thereon, but the first five years Coppernol shall pay but four beavers yearly and Phillip Phillipse the rest, Koppenhol to pay the whole rent the remaining years. Furthermore, he conveys to Coppenhol the woodland granted to him by the trustees;<sup>3</sup> on condition that Claes Willemse shall every year pay the rent, a peck of wheat per morgen. Phillip Phillipse promises next spring to provide the sixth flat with a proper fence against hogs, from one end on the river back to the woodland and around to the other end on the river, provided that Coppenhol help lay the logs. Phillip Phillipse is holden to make conveyance of the land and house next April 1690 and promises to pay to boot to Claes Willemse the quantity of one hundred and sixty-seven beavers, reckoned at eight guilders apiece, in good winter wheat or peas at market price, promising in the spring to release Claes Willemse from [his obligation to] Willem Teller in the sum of one hundred beavers with the interest thereon; and the contracting parties promise to carry to

<sup>1</sup> Philip Philipsen de Moer; see *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 75.

<sup>2</sup> The village of Schenectady.

<sup>3</sup> *gemeens mannen*.

Albany together in the winter months the grain that Phillip Phillipse delivers on the hundred beavers, but as to what shall be delivered in the spring, that Phillip Phillipse must carry there alone. Furthermore Phillip Phillipse promises to pay to Claes Willemse sixty-seven beavers within five years, every year in the three winter months a just fifth part of said sum in good winter wheat and peas at market price, the first payment to be in the winter of next year; and Claes Willemse promises to release the land whenever he shall be discharged of the hundred beavers due to Willem Teller and the 67 beavers likewise being paid Claes Willemse promises a proper conveyance to make. For the performance of the above the contracting parties mutually bind their respective persons and estates, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the authority of all lords, courts and judges. In witness of the truth, this is subscribed with their own hands the 24th of April 1689 in the *Woestyn*,<sup>1</sup> present Daniel Janz<sup>2</sup> and Jacobus Peek, called as witnesses hereto, who with the parties have subscribed the original draft hereof remaining in my custody.

Collated by me,

LUDOWICUS COBES

As the principal<sup>3</sup> of this contract is missing, therefore we, Phillip Phillipse and Elisabeth, his wife, hereby declare and certify that we hold valid said contract in all its parts and will perform and execute all that this contract calls for and will give such further writings as are required by this agreement according to the decision of the arbitrators. Schinnechtady the 3d October 1691.

Was signed:

	X	(L. S.)
These are the marks		of PHILLIP
	X	(L. S.)
PHILLIPSE and his wife		

Witnesses:

*Daniel Janz*

*Adam Vroman*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of feb. 170½

<sup>1</sup> Meaning: the Wilderness, or Desert. See *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 74, 127, 130, 174, 201, 226, 268.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel Jansen van Antwerp.

<sup>3</sup> *Principale*; that is, the original signed by and issued to each of the contracting parties, as distinguished from the original draft, or *minuut*, which is kept by the clerk of the court or the notary.



Quitclaim deed from Wouter Aertsen to the heirs of Evert  
Lucassen for a garden behind Fort Orange

[239] New York at Sapohanick

On this 16th of May 1702 I, Wouter Aertse, acknowledge that in the year 1660 I sold to Evert Luykasse a garden behind Fort Orange and to the south of the village of Beverwyk, to the west of the highway, to the north of Hendrik van Doesburch and to south of Evert Wendel, for which garden aforesaid I acknowledge the receipt in full payment therefor of the sum of forty guilders cash, whereupon I convey my right and title to the heirs of the aforesaid Evert Luykasse. Without fraud or deceit I have hereto set my hand and seal.

This is the X mark of (L. S.)

WOUTER AERTSE, made with his own hand

Witnesses:

*Jan Mead*

*David Mendeviel*

*Pieter Bogardus*

Contract of sale between De Joncker and Claes Laurensen of  
land at Kinderhook and certificates regarding the same

[243] On this day, the first of May Anno 1661, de Joncker<sup>1</sup> of the one side and Claes Laurensen<sup>2</sup> of the other side have agreed and contracted about certain pieces of land and woods lying and being in the jurisdiction of Albany, behind the Kinderhook, on a large kill which flows into the river by Abraham Staets, namely, de Joncker sells all his rights on both sides of the kill to Claes Laurensen for the sum of 86 guilders; in the first place the seller's land runs on the west side of and down said kill, in breadth two thousand paces, to the last large falls, and thence again up said kill on the east side, of the same breadth, eighteen hundred paces above the third large falls. Thus done on the aforesaid date, the first of May, both parties being fully resolved thereto, by<sup>3</sup> me, Volkert Janse, in

<sup>1</sup> The identity of this person is uncertain, but judging from his mark, he may be the same as Jonathan Borns, or Brons, who on May 9, 1661, with Samuel Allin and Pieter Symonsen, entered into a contract with Jeremias van Rensselaer, Arent van Curler and Volckert Jansen to plant tobacco. See *Notarial Papers*, 1:83.

<sup>2</sup> Professor Pearson here supplies the name Van der Volgen, but from the certificates that follow it would seem that he was the same person as Claes Bever, and perhaps also as Claes van Schaak.

<sup>3</sup> Intended for "before"?

presence of the undersigned witnesses, Hendrik Coenraedse and Abraham Stevense.

Was signed:

D'JONKER I his own mark

*Hendrik H Coenraetse* his own mark

*Abraham A Stevense* his own mark

I (underwritten) Laurence van Ale, acknowledge that Claes Bever bought of de Jonker certain land and woods, which was allowed him by Evert Luykasse [in] 1667; the marking of the woods was seen on the date hereof, the 1st of March 1697, by Pieter Vosburgh and Hendrik Coenradse on the south of the land on the bank of the kill a fir tree, on the north a little by a rift and thence across the kill.

PIETER VOSBURGH

This is **H** the mark of HENDRIK COENRAEDSE

Anno 1702, the 25th of September, at the Kinderhoek, upon the request of Laurence van Schaak to the aldermen of the Kinderhoek whether his father Claes van Schaak is mentioned in the patent,<sup>1</sup> we acknowledge that he appears therein as a rightful owner according to the purchase, the required quitrent having been paid. Subscribed and signed at the Kinderhoek.

ABRAHAM VAN ALSTYN

COENRAET BORGHIGET<sup>2</sup>

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1702

[In the margin was written:]

Att a Court of Sessions held for y<sup>e</sup> Citty & County of Albany on y<sup>e</sup> first of June 1703 It is ordered that these annexed three writings be Chanceled and annuld which said writteings are hereby annulled accordingly<sup>3</sup>

by ROBERT LIVINGSTON JUNIOR *D. Cl.*

Quitclaim deed from Adriaen van Ilpendam to Capt. Hans Hendricksen for part of a lot in Albany

[254] I, the undersigned, Adriaen van Elpendam, hereby acknowledge that on this 18th day of June 1679 I have sold and delivered to

<sup>1</sup> Probably the Kinderhook patent of March 14, 1682, which contains the name of Claes Beaver, but does not mention Claes van Schaak. Cf. note 2 to contract of sale above, and Edward A. Collier, *History of Old Kinderhook*, p. 100, 534.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently intended for Coenraet Borghardt.

<sup>3</sup> The minutes of this Court of Sessions have disappeared.

Capt. Hans Hendriksen fifteen wood feet from the length of my lot lying in New Albany, to wit on the west side of my lot and is in breadth from the street to the lot of Jacob Tyse van der Heyden, and I deliver said fifteen feet of lot to him free and unincumbered (excepting the lord's right); for which said piece of lot I acknowledge that I am fully paid and satisfied to my content.

In confirmation of which I have (in presence of Claes Janz van Baren and Frans Janz Pruyn, called as witnesses hereto) subscribed this with my own hand in New Albany, date aforesaid.

Was signed:

As witnesses:

ADRIAEN VAN ELPENDAM

*Claes Janz van Baren*

*Frans Janz Pruyn*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 27 of Octob. 1702 by R<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON JUN<sup>r</sup>. D. Cl.<sup>1</sup>

**Deed from Wattawitt, a Mahican Indian, to Laurence van Alen  
for a parcel of land near Kinderhook**

[259] Appeared before me, Lodowicus Cobus, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Shinnechtady, on the date underwritten, in presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, Wattawitt, a Mahican Indian, who acknowledged that he had sold to Laurence v: Ale, as he hereby does sell, a certain parcel of land to the southwest of the land formerly sold by him, together with the woodland of the same width as the land, extending with a small thicket (*creupelbossie*) to the little lake,<sup>2</sup> for which Laurence van Ale promises to pay a coverlet and a child's coverlet, two axes, two handfuls of powder, an adze and a bar of lead, wherewith said Watawith acknowledges himself to be fully paid and satisfied, and does hereby convey to said Laurence van Ale the real and actual possession of the said land, promising to warrant and defend the same from all trouble, claims and demands according to law and nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany the 17th of October 1669, in presence of Arnout Cornelise Viele and Willem Teller, as witnesses on the part of Laurence van Ale, and on the part of Wattawit, Wanawakin and Waptow, also as wit-

<sup>1</sup>The deed is recorded twice on the same page, the first record being imperfect.

<sup>2</sup>This land was apparently situated near Kinderhook. See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 13:399, and Edward A. Collier, *History of Old Kinderhook*, p. 60.

nesses, who with the parties have signed the original record hereof in the protocol of me, the notary.<sup>1</sup>

Upon collation this is found to agree with  
the original, by me,

LUDOWICUS COBES, *Not: Pub: 1679*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of March 170<sup>3</sup>  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

**Release by Anthony van Schaick of all demands on account of  
his father's estate**

[260] I, the undersigned, Anthonie van Schaick, Junior, son of Sybrant van Schaick, deceased, of the city of Albany, hereby acknowledge that I have received as my share of my father's estate the sum of sixty beavers in money, to wit, thirty-six pounds current money of this province, which by the settlement between my mother Elisabeth van der Poel and my guardians, dated the 1st of June 1680, was apportioned to me, and that I have been fully satisfied therefor by my step-father Bennonie van Corlaer by the hands of Barent Pieterse Coeyman, who was to pay the same as mentioned in a certain conveyance from B: v: Corlaer dated the 1st of January 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ :<sup>2</sup> therefore I release my said stepfather and aforementioned mother from all further claims on account of the aforesaid estate. Thus with my own hand signed and sealed in Albany, this 3d of May 1703.

Signed,

ANTHONY VAN SCHAICK, JUNIOR (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

*Johannis Cuyler*, alderman

*Anthony van Schaick*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 10 of June 1703

**Deed from Aeltie, widow of the late Gerrit van Slichtenhorst,  
to Gysbert Marcelis and Johannes Roos for a house and lot  
in Albany on the hill**

[267] On this day, the 15th of August 1684, Aeltie, widow and relict of the late Ger<sup>t</sup>. van Slechtenhorst, declared that she granted

<sup>1</sup> *ten Prothocolle mijns Notaris*; implying that besides his secretarial record published in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:140-500, he kept a record of transactions executed before him as notary public. Of this latter record no other trace has been found.

<sup>2</sup> Referring to a deed for a house and lot and parcel of ground in Albany, recorded in English on p. 229-30 of *Deeds*, v. 4.

and conveyed in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Gysbert Marceelis and Johannis Roos a certain house and lot, standing and lying here in Albany on the hill, with all that is fast by earth or nail, as it was sold to her and was then inclosed in fence, according to bill of sale of date the 19th July 1680, having to the south and west the streets, to the north Claes Ripse and to the east Jacob Abrahamse Cuyper; which she, the grantor, does by virtue of the patent to her late husband granted by the late Governor-General Richard Nicolls, of date the 27th of April 1667,<sup>1</sup> to which reference is herein made, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right, without the grantor's making any further claim thereto, acknowledging that she is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Gysbert Marceelis and Johannis Roos, their heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid house and lot as they might do with their own patrimonial estates and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all claims, demands and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding herself hereto as by law provided. Done in Kinghston, the 15th of August, 1684.

AELTIE v: SLEGTENHORST (L. S.)

Signed and sealed  
in presence of us,  
*John Spragge*  
*Rocloff Swartzwout*  
*N: Anthony*

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. of Septemb. A<sup>o</sup>. 1703

by R<sup>r</sup>. LIVINGSTON J<sup>r</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>This refers apparently to a confirmatory patent to Gerrit van Slichtenhorst bearing date the 26th of April 1667, for a "certain Lott of Ground lying in Beverwick at Albany bounded on the west with the Highway commonly called the Hill street being in breadth on the west side seaven Rod, & three foot Rynland measure in length on the south side of the way twenty Rod and a halfe on the East in breadth foure Rod tenn foot & a halfe & on the North in length as on the south which s<sup>d</sup> Lott of Ground is now in the possession of Gerrit Slichtenhorst he having made purchase of the same of Cornelys Cornelyssen voor woont [van Voorbout]." Professor Pearson places this lot on the northeast corner of Maiden Lane and North Pearl street, which agrees with the description in the above deed "having to the south and west the streets," but conflicts with the statement in the patent "in length on the south side of the way."

**Agreement between Volkje Juriaens, widow of Jan van Hoesem, and Gerrit Visbeek and her son Juriaen van Hoesem respecting the settlement of the estate of Jan van Hoesem**

[278] Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned, Volkje Juriaense, widow of Jan van Hoesem, and Gerrit Visbeek, of the one part, and her son Juriaen van Hoesem, of the other part, acknowledge that in all love and friendship we have agreed in manner following:

First, we have annulled and canceled a certain contract between said Volkje and Juriaen together with his brother-in-law Jan Tyse and Luykas Gerritse made in the presence of the honorable orphan masters under date of the 30th of May 1667, and contracted anew, namely, that Volkje shall remain in full possession of the whole estate, as well lands, houses and lots at Claverak<sup>1</sup> or elsewhere, as all other property, real and personal, nothing excepted, during the term of her life, on condition that she remain holden on demand to furnish a statement and inventory of the entire estate and effects and that after the death of Volkje the whole estate, lands, houses, lots, personal and real property, shall be divided as follows:

First, Juriaen, as the eldest son, shall receive for his birthright in advance, before any partition is made, the value of eight pounds current money of this province with a certain parcel of woodland over on the east side of the Great kill, extending northwardly along the *Kleykuls* (Clay pit) kill and ending at a great height called *Beeren* (Bears') island, provided that his brother Johannes shall have one-third thereof; likewise Johannes shall have in advance a certain parcel of land called *Carels Bouwcrève*<sup>2</sup> lying to the north over the Great kill, beginning at the first settled farm and extending to the small flat of Frenck Herdingh;<sup>3</sup> furthermore the small flat possessed by Frenck, Johannes shall have also, together with another small flat opposite the farm opposite the Great kill, and his house, buildings and lot and other rights on the strand possessed by him.

[279] His brother Jacob shall have in advance the land that he at present possesses.

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<sup>1</sup> Jan Fransen van Hoesem bought a tract of land at Claverack from the Indians on June 5, 1662, and received a confirmatory patent for the same on May 14, 1667. The parcels of land mentioned in this agreement were all part of this tract, as shown by the various releases for these parcels which are recorded in English immediately after this agreement.

<sup>2</sup> Hans Carel's farm.

<sup>3</sup> Frank Haringh, or Francis Hardick; see below and *Deeds*, 4:281-82.

His brother Volkert shall have in advance the woodland over the *Kleykuyls* (Clay pit) kill, along the *Kalbergh* (Bald mountain).

His brother-in-law Frank shall have in advance the land purchased by him and the buildings thereon, which he possesses, beginning at the strand, north of the cart path, upwards to the sprout of Drent's bridge, the boundary of Jacob's claim.<sup>1</sup>

Anna, wife of Luycas Gerritze, shall have in advance a bed, two pillows and a bolster, for the reason that Volkie has heretofore promised them, and then the residue of the whole estate, lands, houses, etc., real and personal property, nothing excepted, shall be distributed equally among the eight children and heirs, to wit, Juriaen; Styntie, wife of Jan Tysse;<sup>2</sup> Anna, wife of Lucas Gerritse; Marya, wife of Hend<sup>k</sup>. Coenraetse;<sup>3</sup> Catharina, wife of Frenck Hardingh, Johannis, Jacob and Volkert van Hoesem, on condition that Juriaen shall have the prior right and privilege to buy the farm lands or other real estate, provided he pay his brothers and sisters what four impartial men shall judge the same to be worth. It is further agreed between Volkie and her son Juriaen that he shall have a lease of the aforementioned farm and buildings which are now leased to Johannis Dyckman, beginning next autumn and to last during his mother's lifetime, for which he promises to pay as rent the fourth sheaf of all the crops on the land. All that is hereinbefore written the aforesaid Volkie and her son Juriaen, each as regards his [or her own obligations], promise to perform in all its parts, annulling and canceling hereby all former contracts, wills, or other writings by the aforesaid Volkie or the aforesaid Gerrit Visbeek jointly or severally made, [declaring the same] as of no force and effect for any action contrary to this preceding contract, to which end the aforesaid Volkie and her son Juriaen bind them-

<sup>1</sup> *beginnende vant t strant benoorden het waeg pat opwaerts totte Spruyt van drent syn Brugh scheydende by Jacob syn gerechticheyt.* In the release from Juriaen van Hoesem to Francis Herdick, *Decds.*, 4:282-83, the description reads: "Beginning from y<sup>e</sup> River side and Runs up Eastwarde unto y<sup>e</sup> woods allong y<sup>e</sup> north side of y<sup>e</sup> waggon way to y<sup>e</sup> Spruyt of Drents Bridge at y<sup>e</sup> bounds of y<sup>e</sup> said Juriaen van hoese and so along y<sup>e</sup> said Bounds northward to y<sup>e</sup> bounds of Jacob Janz van hoese and from thence Westward along his bounds to y<sup>e</sup> said River side."

<sup>2</sup> Jan Tyssen Goes; see *Decds.*, 4:281.

<sup>3</sup> The release from the other heirs to Juriaen van Hoesem, dated January 7, 1703, mentions Coenraet and Jan Borghart, heirs of Maria van Hoesem, deceased, showing that Hendrick Coenraetsen's name was Borghart, and not Ten Eyck, as stated in Edward A. Collier, *History of Old Kinderhook*, p. 98. In an affidavit attached to the same release, dated February 5, 1703, Jan Borghart is referred to as "John Barheyt, now full aged."

selves each in the sum of one thousand pounds current money of this province or the value thereof, to be paid by the opponent to the other party, or his or her heirs. Without fraud or deceit, thus executed on the 22d day of June at N: Albany, at the house of the aforesaid Volkie, A<sup>o</sup>. 1694, being in the sixth year of the reign of William and Mary, King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, etc., and in witness of the truth they have signed and sealed this with their own hands.

This is the X mark of

VOLKIE JURIAENSE (L. S.)  
 JURIAEN VAN HOESE (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
 in our presence

*J: Abeel*, Mayor

*Dirk Wessells*, Recorder

*Johannis Cuyler*

*J: Becker*, Notary Public

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 16 of Novemb. 1703

**Agreement between Gerrit Teunissen and Jonas, Andries and Hendrick Dow regarding the partition of a farm bought by them from Samuel Staets**

[289] Whereas we, the undersigned, Gerrit Teunise,<sup>1</sup> Jonas Dow, Andries Dow and Hendrik Dow bought of Joghim Staets, attorney for Samuel Staets, a certain farm, etc., according to the preceding contract of sale<sup>2</sup> dated the 4th of April 1700, therefore we hereby certify and declare that the just third part of said farm, etc., is for the behoof of Gerrit Teunise and Jonas Dow and their heirs and assigns forever, a just third part as before for Andries Dow and his heirs and assigns forever, and a just third part as before for Hendirk Dow and his heirs and assigns forever and that whenever

<sup>1</sup> Gerrit Teunissen van Vechten.

<sup>2</sup> This contract of sale is in English and recorded in *Deeds*, 4:288-80. In it the buyers are called Gerrit Teunise, Jonas Volkertse, Andries Volkertse and Hendrik Volkertse Dow, and the farm is described as "Belonging to said Samuel Staets Situate Lyeing and being to y<sup>e</sup> South of Albany aforesaid on y<sup>e</sup> East side of hudsons River upon y<sup>e</sup> Island Commonly called Papskney with y<sup>e</sup> houses Barnes orchards and Chatells so as y<sup>e</sup> same now is in y<sup>e</sup> Tenure & occupation of Cornelis Teunise together with all and singular y<sup>e</sup> Right, Title & Intrest of said Samuel Staets so as y<sup>e</sup> same is made over to him by y<sup>e</sup> Patroon Kelliaen van Renselaer."



the same shall be partitioned it shall be laid out into three parts, for the performance and execution of which we bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns. Thus done in the county of Albany, this 31st of January 170 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Signed,

GERRIT X TEUNISE

his mark

Witnesses:

*W. De Meyer*

*Harpert Jacobse*

*Volkert Doze*

JONAS DOW

ANDRIES DOW

HEND<sup>R</sup>. DOW

### Marriage contract between Claes Jansen van Bockhoven and Cathalyna Andriese de Vos, widow of Barent Jansen

[296] Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned, Claes Jansen van Bockhoven,<sup>1</sup> widower of Volkie Janz, bridegroom, of the one part, and Cathalyna Andriese de Voss, widow of Barent Janse,<sup>2</sup> bride, of the other part, both dwelling in the county of Albany, acknowledge and declare that we, out of sincere love and mutual affection which we have for each other, being inclined and disposed to enter into wedlock and therefore desiring to avoid all future disputes and discord as well for ourselves as for our heirs or assigns respecting our respective temporal estates which God Almighty far above our merits and deserts has pleased to grant us, so have we together first made and concluded this our present marriage contract in manner and form following:

First, the bridegroom aforementioned for the maintenance of this their proposed marriage shall contribute his lands and claims lying at Canastagioene on the east side of the river, comprising about eighteen to twenty morgens of arable land with a pasture and woodland thereto belonging.

Also the house and lot by the bridegroom aforementioned now [occupied?] lying in the city of Albany between the houses of Jan van Loon and Harmen Gansevoort.

<sup>1</sup> Also referred to as *Claes de Brabander*, Bokhoven being a village about six miles northwest of Bois-le-Duc in the province of North Brabant.

<sup>2</sup> Barent Janse van Dittmarsse (Ditmarschen, the western part of Holstein); see *Deeds*, 4:37. According to Jonathan Pearson, *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 62-63, Barent Janse was Cathalyna de Vos's second husband, her first husband being Arent Bratt.

Furthermore a lot lying on the south side of Canastagioene river, to the east of the fort. Also all his other estate and personal property, nothing whatever excepted or reserved.

On the other hand so shall the bride aforementioned for the maintenance of this their proposed marriage contribute, two parcels of land lying at Schenectady, the one being next to the land of Barent Wemp, the other parcel lies over against Malwyk,<sup>1</sup> together with a pasture and woodland bought of Sassiaen.<sup>2</sup>

Also a lot lying within the village of Schenectady, where her dwelling place was.

Also the land in company with her son Dirk Arentse Bratt.

Also a lot lying on the north side of the city of Albany.

Also two gardens lying at Schenectady next the pasture of Gerrit Banker, deceased, and further all her personal property, nothing whatever excepted or reserved.

All the aforementioned property, as well of one as of the other side, with all the interest, rents, emoluments, income, debts and credits, profit and loss, shall be in common to both sides and after the death of one of them, the survivor is to remain in full possession of all the aforegoing property without molestation or hindrance of any one whomsoever, and receive all the profit or loss as aforesaid.

[297] Third, the two negros named Sam and Jack, a negress named Isaabelle and also two children of said negress, the one named Sussanna and the other Rachel, after the death of us both shall have and enjoy their full freedom without any one's having power to burden them further with any servile labor, or hire out or sell them, but they shall from that time their full freedom have and enjoy as aforesaid and if the aforesaid negress shall come to have any more children they shall likewise at the same time have their freedom.

Fourth, after the death of us both there shall be paid out of the common estate to Johannis Wynkoop, son of Cornelis Wynkoop, a sum of five pounds current money of this province.

Fifth, as to the residue of the common estate which on the death of both may remain or be left the same shall be and remain for the

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<sup>1</sup> Maalwyck, a tract on the north side of the Mohawk river. See *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 71.

<sup>2</sup> Hendrick Lambertse Bont (Bint, Bent) *alias* Sassian. See *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 80, 90.

heirs and successors of the aforementioned bride alone. Thus done in Albany on the 27th of February 1699.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:	This is the mark I of CLAES JANES BOCKHOVEN made with his own hand
<i>L: v: Schaick</i>	This is the mark K of CATHALYNA ANDRIES D' VOS, made with her own
<i>Harmen Gansevoort</i>	hand
<i>Jacob Ten Eycke</i>	

Albany the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1703 this was compared and examined with the original and the same found to agree with the original by me, Hend<sup>k</sup>. Hansen, Justice.

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1703.

#### Deed from Samuel Wilson to Jan Hendricksen Bruyn for a house and lot in Albany

[331] <sup>1</sup>Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schinnechtady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty and Mr Andries Teller, magistrates, Mr Samuel Wilson, merchant at New York, who declared that he had granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Jan Hendrikse Bruyn a certain house and lot standing and lying in Albany on the hill, bounded south by Robert Sanders and north by the new house of Capt. Philip Schuyler, in breadth and length as by virtue of the patent thereof, dated the 6th of June 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Elisabeth Claese, widow of the late Jan Burger, deceased, of date the 7th of September 1667,<sup>3</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the

<sup>1</sup> This is a copy of a deed recorded in *Deeds*, 1:160, of which a translation, varying slightly from the present, is printed in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:161. The deed was entered a second time in connection with an English deed from Jan Hendricksen Bruyn to Reynier Myndertsen, dated April 16, 1702, to the original of which a copy of the present deed was attached.

<sup>2</sup> No record of this patent is found.

<sup>3</sup> This should be the 7th of September 1677; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:161.

aforenamed Mr Jan Hend: Bruyn, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the same as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising the aforesaid house and lot to warrant and defend against all persons from all lawful claims, chalange and demands and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 8th of September 1677.

*Sic subscribitur*

SAMUEL WILSON

*Marginaliter*

*Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty* (City Seal)

*Andries Teller*

*Concordat cum suo Principali*

*Quod attestor*

ROBT. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

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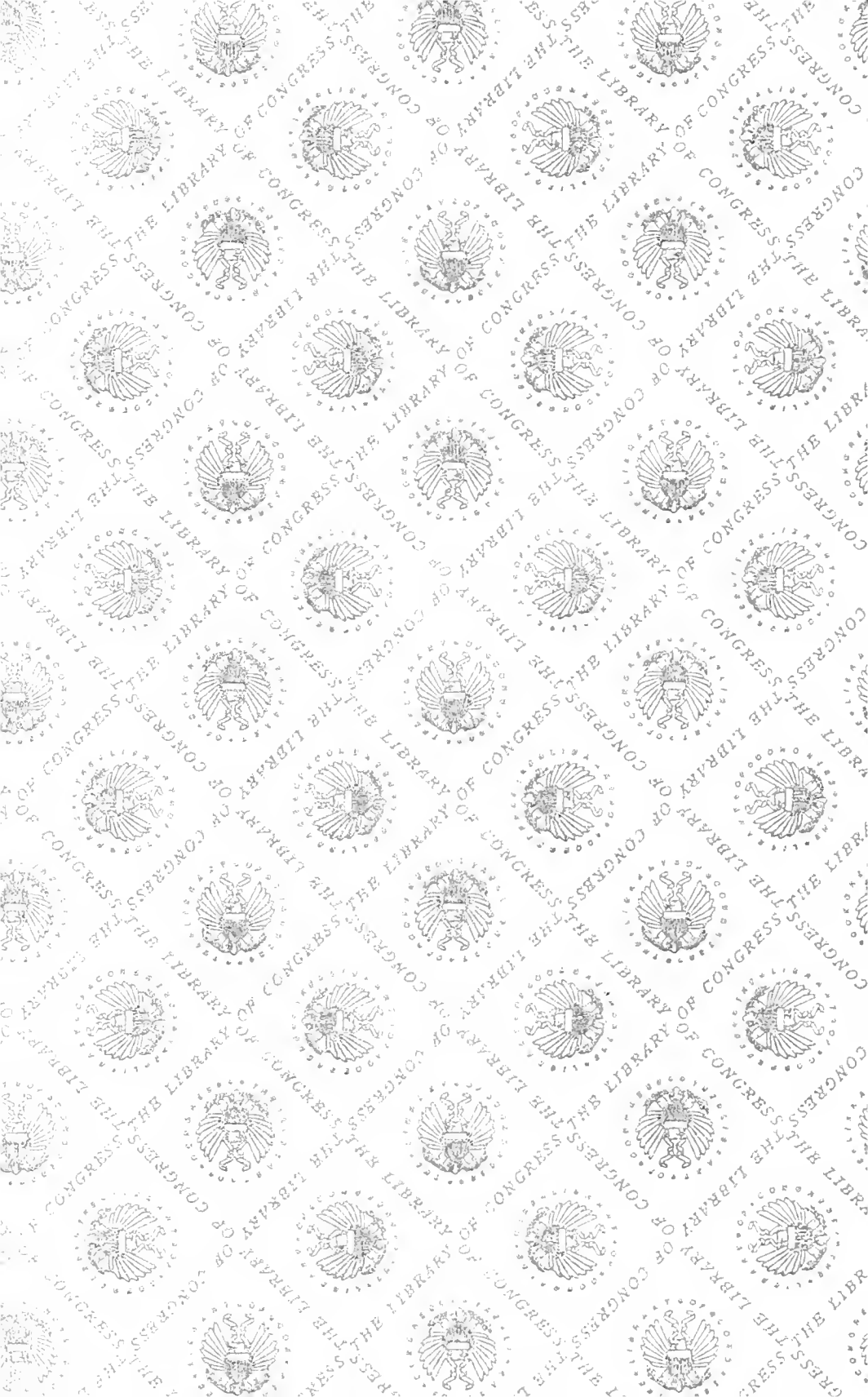
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